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Security personnel and polling officials with election materials leave for poll duty ahead of the first phase of Lok Sabha elections in J&K. In view of the ceasefire between India and Pakistan and the heavy deployment of paramilitary forces, the voting process is expected to be peaceful in 2,637 polling booths in Udhampur Lok Sabha seat | PTI

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ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಲೋಸಾಚು/ಪಹಿ-1/2024-25 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 18-04-2024

11-Dharwad General Election to Lok Sabha - 2024
PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the below shown General and Police Observer, has arrived to Dharwad District. The Place of Stay, Meeting Hours and Contact Information given below.

Sl. No.	No. & Name of Parliamentary Constituency	Name of Observer	Contacts	Place of Stay	Public Meeting Time
1	11-Dharwad Parliamentary Constituency	**Shri Ajay Gupta** IAS	(fax) 0836-2000642 9141056509 go11dharwadpc2024@gmail.com	Main Circuit House Hubli VVIP Room No.2	**10.00 AM to 11.00 AM Main Circuit House Hubli VVIP Room No.2**
2	11-Dharwad Parliamentary Constituency	**Shri Bhanwar Lal Meena** IPS	(fax) 0836-2445537 9141056510 po11dharwadpc2024@gmail.com	International Guest House (Shalmala) University of Agriculture Dharwad	**11.00 AM to 12.00 PM (Alternate day) International Guest House (Shalmala) University of Agriculture Dharwad**

Sd/-
District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner, Dharwad District, Dharwad.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)
Head Office: Bangalore

ARM-1 Branch
2nd Floor, No.86, Spencer Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001
PH: 080-25310066 / 25588641
E-mail: cb2366@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM -1Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on **07.05.2024 (10.30 AM to 11.00 AM),** for recovery of **Rs.3,78,09,448.50 as on 18.04.2024** with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from (1) M/s. Falcon Industries,** No. B-9, Herehalli Indl. Estate, Hirehalli, Tumkur-572106. **(2) Mr.Abdulla Mavad** S/o. M S Ahmed, No.15, 1st Phase, 2nd Main, West of Chord Road, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010. **Also at : Mr.Abdulla Mavad** S/o. M S Ahmed, No.22, 2nd Main Road, Muneshwara Layout, Manorayanapalya, Bangalore-560032. **(3) Mr. Adnan Maved** S/o Mr. M S Ahmed. No.15, 1st Phase, 2nd Main, West of Chord Road, Rajajinagar, Bangalore- 560010. **Also at: Mr. Adnan Maved** S/o. Mr. M S Ahmed, No.22, 2nd Main Road, Muneshwara Layout, Manorayanapalya, Bangalore- 560032.

The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **06.05.2024 at 5.00 pm** by way of DD favouring **Authorized Officer, Canara Bank ARM-1 Branch** or through online payment to **Account No.209272434 (IFSC CNRB0002366)** is as under. **(₹.In Lakhs)**

Lot	Description of the immovable / Movable assets	Reserve Price	EMD	Incre -mental Value
1	Row house bearing No.W-11, in the complex known as "UNISHIRE ESPLANADE" with approximately 3754 Sq.ft on built-up area (2309 Sq.ft UDS) constructed on the immovable property bearing one contiguous piece of land bearing corporation No. Sy. No.87, now bearing BBMP Khatha No.44/5/87/1 situated at Thirumenahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, falling within the jurisdiction of Yelahanka Sub-Division, Ward No. 5, Bangalore and bounded as follows: East by : Open Space, West by : Driveway, North by : Row House No. W-012, South by : Row House No. W-10.	₹.148.70	₹.14.70	₹.1.00

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact Chief Manager, ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.9448507473 and 9627872626 during office hours on any working day.

Date : 18.04.2024
Place: Bengaluru
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that our client, **INDENA INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED**, a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956, having its registered address at No. 43/3, Raghunathapura Village, Shivapura Post, Doddaballapura – 562 163, Bengaluru Rural District (**"Owner"**), is the sole and absolute owner of the immovable properties being lands duly converted for Industrial purposes, totally admeasuring an extent of **14 Acres 15 Guntas** (excluding 16 Guntas of Kharab land), comprised in various Survey Numbers tabulated herein below, all situated at Raghunathapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District (**"Subject Properties"**).

Our Client states and represents that the following original Sale Deeds in respect of the Subject Properties, situated at Raghunathapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, have been irretrievably lost and misplaced:

Sl. No.	Particulars of Documents	Sy Nos.	Extent (Acres/ Guntas)
1.	Sale Deed dated 15.09.2003 executed by Mrs. Prabha, wife of Late Mr. K. Gopalkrishna Rao and others, and registered as Document No. 2537/2003-04, in Book-I, Volume No. 2567, at Page Nos. 87 to 92, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Doddaballapura;	37	02 – 08 (excluding 7 Guntas of Kharab land)
2.	Sale Deed dated 16.07.2004 executed by Mrs. Shanthamma, wife of Mr. R.K. Nanjappa, and registered as Document No. 1447/2004-05, in Book-I, stored in C.D. No. DBPD-24, in the Office of the Sub Registrar, Doddaballapura;	38/1	00 – 34 (excluding 1 Gunta of Kharab land)
3.	Sale Deed dated 16.07.2004 executed by Mr. Narasappa, son of Late Mr. Chikka Subbaiah, and registered as Document No. 1448/2004-05, in Book-I, stored in C.D. No. DBPD-24, in the Office of the Sub Registrar, Doddaballapura;	38/2	00 – 11
		38/3	00 – 22
4.	Sale Deed dated 04.02.2005 executed by Mrs. Venkatamma, wife of Late Mr. Dasappa, and registered as Document No. 5412/2004-05, in Book-I, stored in C.D. No. DBPD-43, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Doddaballapura;	40	02 – 09 (excluding 2 Guntas of Kharab land)
		41/4	00 – 30
5.	Sale Deed dated 17.11.2004 executed by Mr. Nanjappa, son of Late Mr. Munishamappa and others, and registered as Document No. 3681/2004-05, in Book-I, stored in C.D. No. DBPD34, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Doddaballapura;	42	01 – 27
6.	Sale Deed dated 20.10.2003 executed by Mrs. Krishnamma, daughter of Late Mr. Narayanappa and others, and registered as Document No. 3003/2003-04, in Book-I, Volume No. 2574, at Page Nos. 185 to 192, in the Office of the Sub Registrar, Doddaballapura;	43/1	00 – 18
7.	Sale Deed dated 28.04.1999 executed by Mr. Mohammed Ali Ibrahim, son of Mr. Ibrahaim, and registered as Document No. 1934/1999-2000, in Book-I, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Doddaballapura;	43/2	02 – 04
8.	Sale Deed dated 28.04.1999 executed by Mr. Gulam Ali Ibrahim, son of Mr. Ibrahim, and registered as Document No. 1935/1999-2000, in Book-I, Volume No. 2259, at pages 135 to 139, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Doddaballapura;	43/4	00 – 12
9.	Sale Deed dated 24.06.1997 executed by Mr. N. Vasudev, son of Mr. Nanjundaiah, and registered as Document No. 665/1997-98, in Book-I, Volume No. 2126, at pages 44 to 51, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Doddaballapura;	43/3	02 – 00 (excluding 5 Guntas of Kharab land)
10.	Sale Deed dated 15.09.2003 executed by Mr. R.K. Nanjappa, son of Late Mr. R.N. Krishnappa, and registered as Document No. 2539/2003-04, in Book-I, Volume No. 2526, at pages 97 to 102, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Doddaballapura;	43/3A	00 – 15
11.	Sale Deed dated 02.01.2004 executed by Mr. R.K. Nanjappa, son of Late Mr. R.N. Krishnappa, and registered as Document No. 3891/2003-04, in Book-I, stored in C.D. No. DBPD-5, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Doddaballapura; and	43/3A	00 – 15 (excluding 1 Gunta of Kharab land)
12.	Deed of Absolute Sale dated 16.09.2003 executed by Mr. N. Vasudev, son of Mr. Nanjundaiah, and registered as Document No. 2555/2003-04, in Book-I, Volume No. 2567, at pages 157 to 162, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Doddaballapura.	43/3B	00 – 10
	Total		**14 Acres 15 Guntas** (excluding 16 Guntas of Kharab land)

The Owner had filed a Police Complaint in respect of the loss of the aforementioned original Sale Deeds with the Doddaballapura Rural Police, Doddaballapura, Bengaluru Rural Police Unit, on 08.04.2024, and the same was registered as Lost Report No. 1008075/2024.

The general public are hereby notified that any person/s, having found or having custody of the aforementioned original Sale Deeds relating to the Subject Properties, are called upon to handover and deliver the same forthwith to the undersigned at the address mentioned below; or to lodge their claims or objections, if any, in writing together with documentary proof of such claims or objections, within a period of **30 (thirty) days** from the date of this Public Notice.

C.R. Muralidharan, Partner
DUA ASSOCIATES
Advocates & Solicitors
No. 130/1, 2nd Floor, Ulsoor Road, Bengaluru – 560 042.
Phone: 91-80-25588799 / 25589909
E-mail: murali@duaassociates.com

Place: Bengaluru
Dated: April 19, 2024

STATE BANK OF INDIA

STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH
#11/90, 3rd Floor, Near Old Shivaji Theater, Opp. Trustwell Hospital, Bangalore-560002. Ph : 080 2594 3678, 2594 3663, Fax: 080 2594 3664, Email Id: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE Under Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Account No. : HTL/39756694331 **Date : 16.04.2024**

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **State Bank of India,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No. 3 of 2002) issued a Demand Notice Dated **22.11.2023** under Sec 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act , calling upon the **borrower : Smt. Bhavana Jha** D/o. Amod Jha , Flat No.15, Building No. 803, PO Box No. 254, P C 119 AREA AL AMARAT, CITY : AL AMARAT, MUSCAT, Sultanate of Oman. Work Place : Galf Engineering & Contracting SAOG, Post WAY 6606, Matrah, Post Box 533, Muscat Postal Code 100, Sultanate of Oman. **PA HOLDER : Shri Himanshu Kumar Amod Kumar Jha,** Flat No.903, Samridhi Grand Avenues, Sector Techzone -IV, Greator Noida, Uttar Pradesh. to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 4,92,54,423.00** (Rupees Four Crores Ninety-two lacs fifty-four thousand four hundred twenty-three only) as on 22.11.2023 and interest & expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower has failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/ guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 on **16.04.2024**

The borrower/guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an aggregate amount of **Rs. 5,15,05,919.00** (Rupees Five Crores Fifteen Lacs Five Thousand Nine Hundred Nineteen Only) as on 16.04.2024

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential property, Flat Number : B-101, in the 1st Floor of Block "B" measuring 4010 Sq Feet which comprises of one living room, 5 Bed rooms, 1 kitchen, 5 toilets and bath with four covered car parking space in the residential building known as " MANTRI ESPANA", situated at Sy Nos.36/1,36/3,37,38/1,38/2,39/1, 39/2,39/3, 39/4,39/6, 50/2,51/1,51/3 and 51/4 of Kariyammana Agrahara & Devarbisanahalli Village, Vartur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, Bangalore 560035. **North by :** Portion of Property bearing Sy. No.41,39/5,50/1 and Private Property, **South by :** By Road and Portion of Property bearing Sy. No. 51/3,51/4 & 50/3, **East by :** Portion of Property bearing Sy.No.38/2 & 36/2 & Private Property, **West by :** Portion of Property bearing Sy. No.40,50/1,50/3 & Private Property and open space.

Date : 16.04.2024
Place : Bangalore
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch
BANGALORE-560 002.

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following works:

Tender Notice No. E-GSU-ELE-2024-25-OT-1 Dated 11.04.2024

Name of Work	Approx. Value
Modernisation of Mandya and Channapatna station under Amrit Bharat Scheme - Provision of Substation.	Rs. 2,37,65,212.94/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Up to 11:00 hrs. of 03.05.2024**

Tender Notice No. E-GSU-ELE-2024-25-OT-2 Dated 12.04.2024

Name of Work	Approx. Value
Modernisation of Ramanagaram and Kengeri station under Amrit Bharat Scheme - Provision of Substation.	Rs. 2,47,30,972.54/-

Tender Notice No. E-GSU-ELE-2024-25-OT-3 Dated 12.04.2024

Name of Work	Approx. Value
Modernisation of Malleswaram and Tumakuru stations under Amrit Bharat Scheme - Provision of Substation.	Rs. 2,58,95,646.30/-

Tender Notice No. E-GSU-ELE-2024-25-OT-4 Dated 12.04.2024

Name of Work	Approx. Value
Modernisation of Hindupur and Dodballapur station under Amrit Bharat Scheme - Provision of Substation	Rs. 2,47,30,972.54/-

Tender Notice No. E-GSU-ELE-2024-25-OT-5 Dated 12.04.2024

Name of Work	Approx. Value
Modernisation of Krishnarajapuram and Whitefield station under Amrit Bharat Scheme - Provision of Substation	Rs. 2,16,15,580.29/-

Last date for submission of bids for above 4 tenders: **Up to 11:00 hrs. of 06.05.2024**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer / GSU Bengaluru

PUB/21/AAV/PRB/SWR/2024-25

South Western Railway-SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

BEFORE THE DISTRICT CONSUMER DISPUTES REDRASSAL COMMISSION NAGAPATTINAM

RBT/CC/No. 35 of 2024

K. Ganesan, S/o. Late. Kailasam ... **COMPLAINANT**

-V/s-

Nokia India Private Limited, Rep. by its General Manager, and 3 others ...**OPPOSITE PARTIES**

To, **(4th Opposite Parties), Flipkart Internet Private Limited,** Rep. by its General Manager, Vaishnavi Summit, Ground Floor, 7th Main, 80 Feet Road, 3rd Block, Koramangala Industrial Layout, Bangalore - 560 034,Karnataka, India.

And also at Registered Office: Buildings Alyssa, Begonia & Clove Embassy Tech Village, Outer Ring Road, Devarabeesanahalli Village, Bengaluru-560103, Karnataka, India.

Please take notice that in the above RBT/CC/No.35 of 2024, the Hon'ble District Consumer Disputes Redrassal Commission Nagapattinam has ordered publication for your appearance on **25-04-2024** at 10:15 A.M. failing which the matter will be decided exparte.

K. KALIDASAN, V. SUBRAMANI,
Advocates
No.150, 3rd Block, West Avenue Road, Muthamil Nagar, Kodungaiyur, Chennai - 600118.
Mob: 9841379034, 9884432641

PUBLIC INFORMATION

White Oaks has been accorded Environmental Clearance, No. SEIAA 111 CON 2022 dated 28th December 2022 from the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), KARNATAKA under the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006 for proposed Residential Apartment, Retail & MLCP Project At Plot No. R-4. Part-A & Part-B Of Housing Area (Hardware Sector) Hitech, Defence & Aerospace Park, Bengaluru Rural.

The copy of Environmental Clearance is available on https://parivesh.nic.in/& https://www.providenthousing.com

Sd/-
Manager, WO

IDBI BANK
CIN:L65190MH2004GOI148838

Retail Recovery, 3rd Floor, IDBI House, # 58 Mission Road, Bengaluru - 560 027. Ph: 080-61451322/24/25 Email: recovery.bangalore@idbi.co.in

Financial assistance sanctioned to you by IDBI Bank Limited – Defaults Committed - Statutory notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of the Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the below mentioned Borrower(s) that the below mentioned Borrower(s) were sanctioned financial assistance by IDBI Bank Limited (IDBI Bank), by way of Housing loan. The said financial assistance has been secured, inter alia, by mortgage by deposit of title deeds of the properties mentionedbelow. As the Borrower's have defaulted in repayment of the said financial assistance in terms of the Loan Agreement executed by them with the bank, the accounts of the Borrowers has been classified as Non-Performing Asset (NPA) in the books of IDBI Bank in terms of the guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) from time to time. Necessary notice was issued/served by IDBI Bank. Under section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act at the respective addresses of the Borrower(s) by "Registered Post With Acknowledgement Due" which was returned without proper signature of the borrowers. In view of the aforesaid, this public notice is issued in compliance with Proviso to Rule 3(1) of the SARFAESI Rules. Please note that you shall not transfer or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business) any of the Secured Assets, without prior written consent of IDBI Bank, failing which you shall be liable for an offence punishable under section 29 of the SARFAESI Act. The Borrower(s) attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. In the circumstances, Borrowers is, once again, requested to pay the aforesaid amount within 60 days from the date hereof failing which IDBI Bank, as a secured creditor shall be entitled to enforce its security interest, under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act as also under any other law as available to IDBI Bank for realising its dues.

Ref No: IDBI/1004/13(2)/2023-24/01 **Date: 31/08/2023**

A/c No: 1004675100012801

A) Name of the Borrowers: 1) Mr. Dinesh K # 145, 1st Main, Bethal Nagar, Kodigehalli, Ayyappa Nagara, Krishnaraja Puram, Bengaluru-560036. Mob: 9789009705. Also at Flat No. 220, 2nd Floor, Pinnacle Apartment, Hirandahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru-560049. **2) Mrs. Meenatchi** # 145, 1st Main, Bethal Nagar, Kodigehalli, Ayyappa Nagara, Krishnaraja Puram, Bengaluru-560036. Mob: 8951023967. Also at Flat No. 220, 2nd Floor, Pinnacle Apartment, Hirandahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru-560049.

B) Loan Outstanding: Rs.47,92,091/- (Rupees Forty Seven Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Ninety One Only) as on 10/05/2023 + Applicable Interest and Charges thereon (less further payments made by you if any).

C) Schedule of the Property : Composite Schedule "A" Property : All that piece and parcel of Property converted land bearing Old Sy. No. 79, New Sy. No. 79/2, measuring about 1 Acre, Sy. No. 80/4, measuring about 23 Guntas, (converted for residential purpose vide Conversion Certificate No. ALN(E)(B)SR:112/2009-10, dated 06/04/2010, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore), situated at Hirandahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk, both the lands together totally measures about 1 Acre 23 Guntas, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the East by: Land Sy.No. 78: West by: Land in Sy No.79/1 and Sy No. 80/3: North by: Road: South by: Land in Sy No.79/1:

Schedule 'B' Property : 429 Sq.ft undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule "A" above.

Schedule 'C' Property : Flat bearing No.220 in the Second Floor, Property Sl. No. 150200400100820272, measuring about 1289 Sq.ft super built up area, containing Three bed rooms, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified flooring together with One covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc., in the multistoried residential building complex known as "Pinnacle" constituted over Schedule "A" Property.

Date : 19.04.2024
Place : Bengaluru
Sd/- Authorised Officer
IDBI Bank Limited

The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited

H.O, No.2, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru - 560 018.
Phone 26677552, 26679041

PUBLIC AUCTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

The Borrower **Smt.Grace Mishra, W/o. Late K.K.Mishra, No.4/1, Rathan Singh Road,Frazer Town, Bangalore-560005. Surety: Smt. Theresa Peter W/o Sri A.Peter.** The debt due to Bank as on **15.04.2024** of **Rs.5,68,908/-** + Interest & miscellaneous expenses. Auction sale under the securitization and reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforce of Security Interest Act 2002 Section 13(4) of the Immovable properties mortgaged to The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd., is brought to Sale under **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION"on 20.05.2024, Monday at 11.00 am.** Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/(s) and Guarantor/(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, **Symbolic possession** of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Apartment bearing No.H in the 3rd Floor, Super Built Up Area measuring 875 Square feet, with 142 undivided share in land and one scooter parking space in the portico area, constructed on property bearing Nos.17 and 17/1 (old No.7), PID Nos.80-5-17 and 80-5-17/1, situated at Pettigrew Street Civil Station, Bangalore. Measuring East to West: 35'6" ft., and North to South: 47'9" ft., totally measuring 1695 sq ft., and bounded on East by: Property bearing old No.6, Pettigrew Street, West by: Property bearing No.8 Pettigrew Street, North by: Pettigrew Street & South by: Private property of Todd Lane.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

(1) The public auction will be conducted in the premises of The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Head Office No.2, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018.
(2) For participation in the auction the intending bidders have to deposit an amount Rs.3,34,500/- equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price Rs.33,45,000/- being cautioned deposit by means of Demand Draft/Pay Order drawn in favour of M/s.The Grain Merchant's Co.Operative Bank Ltd., The cautioned deposit shall be forfeited by the bank without any prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms of sale, time and commits default in any manner.
(3) The Property "SHALL NOT" be sold below the reserve price
(4) In case the bidder is not successful the EMD amount shall be refund without interest.
(5) The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, in Cash or Demand Draft and the balance of the Sale price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property shall be put for re-auction.
(6) The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues/taxes/charges/property tax/electricity charges/water charges/conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws.
(7) The authorized officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all if the tender or/bid/ offer and/or adjourn/postpone/ cancel the auction sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify an or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice.
(8) The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank.
(9) The property can be inspected by the intending bidder between 10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M. at his/her expenses at the address mentioned in the schedule.
(10) The property is put for sale on **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" AND "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION"** the intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title,ownership,statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 15.04.2024

Sd/-
Authorised Officer,
The Grain Merchants' Co Operative Bank Ltd.,

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

BTM Layout Branch
No. 28/29, 18th Main, 7th Main BTM Layout, 2nd Stage, Bangalore- 560 076, Ph No. : 26784488
e-mail Id : cb2433@canarabank.com

Possession Notice

(For Immovable Property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Canara Bank,** under Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a **Demand Notice dated 17/01/2024** calling upon the Borrower **1) Mr. Y. R. Ramesh Reddy (borrower)** No. 219, 10th C Cross, 1st Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore - 560 011 **2) Mr. A. N. Purushothama** (Guarantor) S/o. Sri Arakere Seethappa Narayanaswamy, No. 15 th A, T P. Kailasam Road, 3rd Cross, BTS Layout, Arakere, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore - 560 076 and **3) Smt. Kothandaram Chandrika** (Guarantor), D/o. Sri B. Kothandaram, 219, 10th C Main Road, 1st Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore - 560 011 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs.11,01,61,735.30** (Rupees Eleven Crore One Lakhs Sixty One Thousand seven Hundred Thirty Five Rupees Thirty Paisa only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice, together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **15.04.2024.** the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Canara Bank for an amount **Rs.11,01,61,735.30** (Rupees Eleven Crore One Lakhs Sixty One Thousand seven Hundred Thirty Five Rupees Thirty Paisa only) and interest thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

1. All that piece and parcel of residential building bearing number 221, A-13, Sanjeevani Nilaya, House property Number 441/1, 1st Floor, 3rd Main, (10C Main Road) 1st Block, Jayanagar, presently BBMP Ward Number 62, New Ward Number 153, PID Number 62-123-44/1, Bangalore - 560 011 of Mr. Ramesh Reddy YR. Bounded on North by : Site No. 222, South by : Site No. 220, East by : 10th C Main Road, West by : Site No. 72,
2. All that piece and parcel of residential land and building situated at House No. 58, Sy. No. 112/2, 113/2 and 116 of Kempegowda HBCS, Katriguppa Village (BSK 3rd Stage) Bangalore South - 560 085 of Smt. Kothandaram Chandrika, Boundaries : North : Site No. 57, South : Site No. 59, East : Road, West : Site No. 53.
3. All that piece and parcel of the vacant site No. 19, Katha No. 7/5 and 7/6 situated at Samrat Layout, Arakere Layout, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South, measuring 2887.50 sq.ft. Boundaries : North : Private Property, South : 3 feet passage, East : by Road, West : remaining portion of site No. 19.
4. All that piece and parcel of the vacant Site bearing house list No. 19, Municipal Assessment number 109/103/19, (Old No. 7/5 and 7/6) Sl. No. 1060, situated at Samrat Layout, Arakere Layout, Begur Hobli, Bangalore, measuring 2524.0 sq.ft. Boundaries : North : Property belongs C Munireddy, South : Remaining property of same property, East : Property belongs to Ramachandra, West : Meenakshi Residential Apartments.

Date : 15.04.2024
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

STATE BANK OF INDIA

RACPC SHANKARAPURAM (64063)
No.13/1, 3rd Floor, Bull Temple Road, Opp.Sri.Ramakrishna Mutt, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004. Ph: 080 25943006/007, Email Id: support.shankarpuram@sbi.co.in

Possession Notice APPENDIX IV (Under Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the authorised officer of **State Bank of India** under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated U/s 13(2) of the said Act calling upon the following borrowers/ mortgagors/ guarantors to repay the loan amount mentioned in their demand notices with further interest + incidental expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices. The details of the loan accounts of borrowers/ mortgagors/guarantors such as name and address of the borrowers/mortgagors/ guarantors, date of issue of demand notice, possession taken date, description of secured assets including present loan outstanding etc., are furnished hereunder against the name of each borrowers/mortgagors/guarantos :

A/c No : RML-30824821542

1) Legal heirs of Borrower Late Y. Munikrishnappa 1) Smt.Yashoda W/o. Late Y. Munikrishnappa **2) Sri. M. Rajshekar** S/o. Late Y. Munikrishnappa, **3) Sri. M. Manoj Kumar** S/o. Late Y. Munikrishnappa, **Residing at :** No. 281, 5th Cross, Pantharapalya Village, Kengeri Hobli, Pramoda HBCS, Near Anjaneya Temple Bengaluru-560039.

Demand Notice date : 29.01.2024 **Possession Taken on : 16.04.2024**

Loan outstanding amount : Rs. 97,27,318/- (Rupees Ninety seven lakhs twenty seven thousand three hundred and eighteen only) as on 14.04.2024 and interest from 15.04.2024 plus expenses thereon.

Description of the Immovable Property : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.281, formed in Sy.No.72, converted by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore vide B.Dis.ALN.SR. (S)6(A)/97-98, dated 08.08.1997, Pattanagere C.M.C Khatha No.400 (four hundred) situated at Pantharapalya Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore SouthTaluk Measuring East to West : 30 Feet, North to South : 50 Feet totally measuring 1500 Sq.feet with thereon building standing in the name of **Late Y. Munikrishanappa** and **bounded on : East by :** Site No. 282, **West by :** Site No. 280, **North by :** 25 Feet Road, **South by :** Site No. 295.

Sale Deed dated 23.11.2000 is registered in favour of "Y.Munikrishanappa" in the office of SRO Kengeri, Bangalore under Document No. BNG(U)-KNGR/7714/2000-2001 dated 23.11.2000.

A/c No : HL - 31844566690

2) Name of the Borrowers : 1) Sri. Ramesh Kumar S/o. Sri. Manmal Jain, **2) Smt. Manju Devi** W/o. Sri. Ramesh Kumar, **Both are residing at :** Flat No.105, "Ambience Platinum, Old No. 27 New No. 51/13, K R Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004 And also at: Sri. Ramesh Kumar S/o Sri. Manmal Jain Mount Modular (India) No. 58, 2nd Floor, 59th "B" Cross, 4th "N" Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010.

Demand Notice date : 30.01.2024 **Possession Taken on : 16.04.2024**

Loan outstanding amount : Rs. 29,42,805/- (Rupees Twenty nine lakhs forty two thousand eight hundred and five only) as on 14.04.2024 and interest from 15.04.2024 plus expenses thereon.

Descriptionof the Immovable Property : Schedule 'A' Property : All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing No.27, (New No.51), Krishnarajendra Road, (formerly known as Fort Centre Road), Basavanagudi, Bengaluru 560004 measuring East to West 190 Feet, North to South 100 Feet, Totally measuring to an extent of 19,0000 Sq. Feet and **bounded as follows : East by :** Krishnarajendra Road, **West by :** Private Property facing Market Road, **North by :** Property belonging to Gopalaswamy, **South by :** Property bearing No. 29 (New No. 52) Canara Bank Staff Training College & Coultry.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY : Undivided right, title, interest an ownership in Schedule "A" Property which works out to 606.01 Sq. Feet of land share in Schedule 'A' Property.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the Flat bearing No.105, in the 1st floor, of the residential apartment named 'AMBIENCE PLATINUM' built upon the Schedule "A" property measuring 2177 Sq.feet of super built up area approximately inclusive of proportionate share in common areas passages, lobbies, staircase and other areas of common use with covered Car Parking for one car in the Basement and the flat held in the name of "Sri. Ramesh Kumar S/o Sri. Manmal Jain and Smt. Manju Devi W/o Sri. Ramesh Kumar" and the said flat is **bounded by : East by :** Open Space, **West by :** Flat No.104, **North by :** Common Corrider, **South by :** Open Space.

Sale Deed is registered in favour of Sri. Ramesh Kumar S/o Sri. Manmal Jain and Smt. Manju Devi W/o Sri. Ramesh Kumar in the office of Senior Sub- Registrar, Basavanagudi Bangalore in Book No.1 under Document No. BSG-1-01556/2007-08 and Stored in C.D No.BSGD97 dated 06.07.2007.

The above named borrower(s)/mortgager(s)/guarantor(s) having failed to repay the entire loan amount as mentioned in their respective demand notices, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/ Mortgagers/guarantors, and the Public in general that, the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein above, in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules on the above mentioned dates.

The Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors in particular, and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with aforesaid properties and any dealings with anyone of the said properties will be subject to the charge of the **STATE BANK OF INDIA** for related present loan outstanding amount as mentioned against the respective borrowers/ guarantors/ mortgagers name with further interest accruals thereon.

The Borrowers/Mortgagors attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 16.04.2024
Place : Bangalore.
Sd/- Authorised Officer and Chief Manager
State Bank of India, RACPC Shankarapuram, Bangalore.

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SOLE WOMAN AMONG 17 INDIANS ON SHIP SEIZED BY IRAN RETURNS HOME

Cadet Ann Tessa Joseph was among 17 Indians on board the vessel MSC Aries. She reached the Cochin International Airport on Thursday

INDIAN MISSION IN TOUCH WITH OTHER 16 SAILORS

The Indian mission in Tehran is in touch with the remaining 16 Indians on board the ship, the Ministry of External Affairs said, adding all of them are in good health and in contact with their family members in India. Joseph who hails from Thrissur was received at the airport by the regional passport officer. She was the only woman cadet on board the ship

CREW NOT UNDER ARREST: IRANIAN OFFICIAL

- Meanwhile, an Iranian official said the crew members of the vessel are free, and not under arrest. "They can return to India and are under the command of their captain," the source added
- The Portugal-flagged vessel was seized near the Strait of Hormuz on April 13 by Iranian special forces amid tensions with Israel | **P11**

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THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CREW MEMBERS ON BOARD THE SHIP

CHENNAI ▪ MADURAI ▪ VIJAYAWADA ▪ BENGALURU ▪ KOCHI ▪ HYDERABAD ▪ VISAKHAPATNAM ▪ COIMBATORE ▪ KOZHIKODE ▪ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM ▪ BELAGAVI ▪ BHUBANESWAR ▪ SHIVAMOGGA ▪ MANGALURU ▪ TIRUPATI ▪ TIRUCHY ▪ TIRUNELVELI ▪ SAMBALPUR ▪ HUBBALLI ▪ DHARMAPURI ▪ KOTTAYAM ▪ KANNUR ▪ VILLUPURAM ▪ KOLLAM ▪ TADEPALLIGUDEM ▪ NAGAPATTINAM ▪ THRISSUR ▪ KALABURAGI

Girl murdered on Hubballi college campus

AMIT S UPADHYE @ Hubballi

A 24-year-old student was stabbed to death on the campus of BVB College here on Thursday.

Neha Hiremath, daughter of Congress corporator from Hubballi Niranjan Hiremath, was coming out of the college after writing her examination when Mohammed Fayaz of Soudatti in Belagavi district stabbed her several times.

The Hubballi-Dharwad police arrested Fayaz and recovered the knife with which he stabbed Neha. Although, Neha was rushed to the KIMS Hhospital immediately by her classmates and teachers, doctors there declared her brought dead. Fayaz studied BCA at BVB College along with Neha and they were "close to each other", according to sources.

Hubballi-Dharwad Police Commissioner Renuka Sukumar said the accused has given a statement that he was in love with Neha. Further investigations are on, she added. Police sources said Neha was a first year MCA student of BVB College. Fayaz was in love with Neha and wanted to marry her. But she was against it.

It is said that Fayaz expressed his anguish when Neha stopped coming to the college and also stopped receiving his calls and messages.

It is learnt that the college management summoned the parents of Neha and Fayaz last year after the news of they "being close to each other" went viral. After this, Neha stopped coming to the college. Union minister Pralhad Joshi met Neha's parents and relatives at the KIMS hospital.

Man murders lover, gets killed by her mother

BENGALURU: An argument between a 46-year-old man and his 25-year-old lover turned violent, when the man stabbed the woman to death, and the woman's mother, who was accompanying her, murdered the man by smashing his head with a stone. The incident took place in broad daylight at Shiva Temple Park near Sarakki Market here on Thursday around 4.15 pm. The deceased have been identified as Suresh, who was working in an event management company, and Anusha, who was working as a caregiver | **P5**

Poll officials trekking to the Kadambakuttai tribal habitation with EVMs in Denkanikottai taluk of Krishnagiri

Phase 1 today, tough fight for BJP biggies

Quite a few Union ministers in the general elections fray

PHASE ONE FACTOIDS

- **102** LS seats (General 73; ST 11; SC 18) in 21 States/UTs
- **92** assembly constituencies in Arunachal and Sikkim
- **16.63 crore** voters to exercise franchise across 1.87 lakh polling stations
- **35.67 lakh** first-time voters registered to cast their ballot
- **3.51 crore** young voters in the age group of 20-29 years
- **1,625 candidates** (male 1,491, female 134) in the fray
- **41 helicopters, 84** special trains, 1 lakh vehicles deployed to ferry polling and security personnel

VOTING BEGINS AT 7 AM, ENDS AT 6 PM

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

THE electoral fate of over a dozen prominent BJP leaders, including some Union ministers, would be sealed on Friday in the first phase of polling amid tight security.

The contest this time around is tougher than in the past, a senior party leader admitted.

Heavyweight Union minister Nitin Gadkari is pitted against Vikas Thakre (Congress) as the former seeks to retain his Nagpur seat for the third time. Union minister Bhupendra Yadav is another BJP biggie who is hoping to make his Lok Sabha debut from Alwar in Rajasthan. Besides, Union law minister Arjun Ram Meghwal is pitted against Madan Gopal Meghwal (Cong) from Bikaner.

Kiren Rijiju (Arunachal Pradesh West), Jitendra Singh (Udhampur in J&K), Sarbananda Sonowal (Dibrugarh in Assam) and L Murugan (Nilgiris in Tamil Nadu) are among the other ministers in the contest. Former governor Tamilisai Soundararajan is trying her luck from South Chennai and former chief minister Biplab Kumar Deb from Tripura West.

It will be interesting to see how Jitin Prasada fares from Pilibhit in Uttar Pradesh, as he replaced the party's outspoken sitting MP Varun Gandhi. But the biggest talking point in the South would be the performance of Tamil Nadu BJP chief K Annamalai in Coimbatore, as his hard work in the run up to the polls drew laudatory references from Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

In the 2019 general elections, the BJP-led NDA had won 39 of the 102 seats that will go to polls in 21 states on Friday. The party is making a big push in the South, particularly in Tamil Nadu, to improve that tally.

BJP sources said of the 12 seats where polling will take place in Rajasthan, the BJP is facing tough fights in seats like Churu, where sitting MP Rahul Kaswan is the Congress candidate after the BJP dropped him; and Nagaur, where its former ally and current MP Hanuman Beniwal (Rashtriya Loktantrik Party president) joined hands with the Congress.

Bhupender Yadav, too, is facing a hard fight in Alwar, as is Gadkari in Nagpur.

ED attaches Shilpa Shetty, hubby's assets

UJWAL JALALI @ New Delhi

THE Enforcement Directorate (ED) has attached properties worth ₹97.79 crore belonging to Bollywood actor Shilpa Shetty and her husband Raj Kundra in connection with of a money-laundering case. The attached properties include a residential flat in Juhu, which is in the name of Shilpa Shetty, another residential bungalow in Pune, and equity shares in Raj Kundra's name.

The ED had initiated an investigation against Variable Tech Pte Ltd,

Late Amit Bhardwaj, Ajay Bhardwaj, Vivek Bhardwaj, Simpy Bhardwaj, Mahender Bhardwaj, and a number of multi-level marketing agents, based on FIRs registered by Maharashtra and Delhi police.

The case pertains to duping investors through Bitcoins. The accused allegedly collected huge amounts of funds via Bitcoins (worth ₹6,600 crore in 2017) from the public with false promises of a 10% per month return. The cryptos were supposed to be utilised for Bitcoin mining, and investors were to get huge returns. "But the promoters cheated the investors and have been concealing the ill-gotten Bitcoins in obscure online wallets. Raj Kundra received 285 Bitcoins from the mastermind Amit Bhardwaj," an official said.

EXPRESS READ

Infosys profit jumps 30% to ₹7,969 cr

New Delhi: Homegrown IT services giant Infosys on Thursday said that its consolidated profit jumped 30% to ₹7,969cr in the March 2024 quarter. The company posted a profit of ₹6,128 cr in the year-ago period, according to a regulatory filing. The consolidated revenue of Infosys during the quarter increased 1.3% to ₹37,923cr from ₹37,441cr in the same quarter a year ago. | **P15**

AAP MLA appears before ED in Waqf case

New Delhi: AAP MLA Amanatullah Khan on Thursday appeared before the Enforcement Directorate for questioning in a money laundering case linked to alleged irregularities in the Delhi Waqf Board. His deposition came after the Supreme Court last week refused to entertain his anticipatory bail application. The top court directed him to join the probe on April 18.

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EC files complaint against DKS for 'threatening' voters

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Karnataka, has filed a complaint against Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC president **DK Shivakumar** for allegedly threatening voters in an apartment complex in Bengaluru.

A senior officer at the office of the CEO said the matter has been brought to the notice of the jurisdiction court of Yashwantpur police station. An FIR will be registered against Shivakumar after the court gives permission.

A video of Shivakumar allegedly threatening voters that they would not be given Cauvery water connections and occupancy certificates if they do not vote for the Congress has gone viral. Based on this, some BJP leaders filed the complaint against

Shivakumar.

In the video, Shivakumar is heard allegedly threatening the voters that he knows the apartment complex builder and he will see to it that they would not get their occupancy certificates. "You all have to vote for DK Suresh. There are 1,500 votes here, we will do our job," he stated.

In the complaint, the BJP alleged that Shivakumar has also threatened voters of another apartment complex that they would not get a civic amenity site and Cauvery water connections if they do not vote in favour of his brother Suresh.

The BJP said Shivakumar's speech threatening and wooing voters is a violation of the Code of Conduct. "Shivakumar is the star campaigner of his party. There are chances of Shivakumar threatening or wooing voters in other places, the ECI should remove his name from the star campaigners' list of the Congress and take action against him," the BJP stated.

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Bharatiya Janata Party

Over-suspicion of EVMs not prudent, says SC

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Thursday urged the petitioners seeking complete count of voter verifiable paper audit trail (VVPAT) slips against votes cast on electronic voting machines (EVMs) to have trust in the system, saying over-suspicion is not desirable. A bench of judges Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta made the observation during the hearing of pleas on the matter.

"We do not have to be suspicious about everything. You can't be critical of everything," Justice Khanna told advocate Prashant Bhushan, who was appearing for the NGO Association of Democratic Reforms.

The bench, which reserved its verdict, made the remarks when Bhushan said the opaque glass on VVPAT machines should be made transparent so that slips stay visible. Currently, a voter can see the slip through opaque glass only when the light is on for seven seconds. "At least the bulb which glows for seven seconds should be allowed to glow continuously after the button is pressed in the EVM," Bhushan pleaded.

The bench said: "Mr Bhushan, now you are going too far. This is too much. Whether it's transparent or translucent glass on a VVPAT machine or the glowing of a bulb, ultimately it is the voter's satisfaction and trust (that matters). The bulb only helps you see better."

The bench also took note of Bhushan's mentioning some newsreports claiming EVMs in Kerala's Kasargod showed an extra vote during a mock poll. Later, the EC told the court that the allegations were false.

Senior advocate Maninder Singh, appearing for the EC, said EVMs and VVPATs can't be tampered with. He said the EC has matched EVM votes with 4 crore VVPAT slips and no mismatch has been found.

Twins die after mother feeds them poison-laced ice cream

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mandya

ONE-and-a-half-year-old twins, a boy and a girl, died after eating ice cream laced with poison at Bettahalli village in Srirangapatna taluk on Wednesday night. The victims have been identified as Trishul and Trisha, children of Prasanna and Pooja. Preliminary investigations revealed that Pooja mixed some poison with the ice cream and fed it to Trishul, Trisha and her other three-year-old daughter. Pooja also ate the poisoned ice cream later.

The reasons for Pooja's extreme act are not known. She bought the ice cream from a pushcart vendor, who came to Bettahalli in the evening. Trishul and Trisha died while being rushed to a local hospital. Pooja and her three-year-old daughter are being treated at the Mandya District Hospital. Initially, it was believed that Pooja and her children fell ill after eating the ice cream. The police swung into action and launched a search for the vendor, thinking that the ice cream sold by him might be contaminated.

However, during investigations, it was revealed that Pooja allegedly mixed "Lakshmana Rekha", an insecticide to keep away cockroaches and other insects, with the ice cream and fed it to her children.

During investigations, the police also found that many people in the village ate ice cream from the same vendor, but they did not complain of any health problems. Further investigations are on.

KC in must-win contest in the 'Venice of the East'

CITHARA PAUL @T'puram

SHOWTIME FOR GLADIATORS

A Rajya Sabha seat from north India becoming a talking point during elections in Kerala may sound bizarre. In this poll season, however, the Alappuzha constituency in central Kerala is abuzz with murmurs over the 'Rajasthan seat', courtesy the surprise candidature of AICC general secretary and Rahul Gandhi's man Friday K C Venugopal.

'KC', as he is known in the state's political circles, is currently a Rajya Sabha MP from Rajasthan, which the BJP wrested from the Congress in the assembly elections last December, and his tenure lasts till 2026. If KC wins in Alappuzha, he will have to relinquish his seat in the upper house of Parliament. And that would be a booster for the BJP, which is just four seats short of majority in the Rajya Sabha. The Left Democratic Front has been raising this bogey, especially among the minority communities that have a significant influence in this constituency.

KC is one of the 'national leaders' in the fray this year, along with the likes of Rahul Gandhi, Shashi Tharoor, Rajeev Chandrasekhar and Annie Raja. And this stature is certainly helping him bridge the five-year 'gap' with Alappuzha, which had elected him to the Lok Sabha in 2009 and 2014, and the state assembly in 1996, 2001 and 2006.

That KC managed to maintain his local connections developed during his previous stints here as an MP and MLA will work to the advantage of

ILLUSTRATION: MANDAR PARDIKAR

this former Union minister of state in the UPA II government. However, ironically, the weak organisational structure of the Congress has turned out to be a worry for the AICC general secretary in-charge of organisation.

Moreover, KC faces equally strong opponents this time – sitting MP A M Ariff of the CPM and Sobha Surendran of the BJP. So, it's going to be quite a tight contest.

Once celebrated as the 'Venice of East', Alappuzha is now one of the poorest districts in the state, with its traditional sectors such as coir industry and fishing going through severe crises. Alappuzha – famous for its backwaters, beaches, and boat races – is also a land of revolution and revolutionaries.

However, like the famed house boats of the Alappuzha, the constituency has swayed both ways, alternating between the LDF and UDF. Over all, the constituency – with 69% Hindu, 20% Christian and 11% Muslim votes – has elected Left candidates eight times, Congress eight, and its ally RSP once. Notably, even when the UDF wave engulfed Kerala in 2019, Alappuzha emerged as the saving grace for the ruling LDF, which was routed in the other 19 constituencies in the state.

It is this unpredictable nature of the constituency that Ariff is banking on as he seeks a second term. Throughout his campaign trail, Ariff keeps reminding voters that he is the only "local candidate" in the fray.

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ALMANAC TODAY
Friday: 19.04.2024 • Year: Shobhakruta • Ayana: Uttharayana • Ritu: Vasantha • Masa: Chaitra • Paksha: Shukla • Tithi: Ekadasi 8.25 pm • Nakshatra: Makha 11.38 am • Moon in Kanya Rashi • Rahukaala: 10:30 am to 12:00pm • Gulikakala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am • Yamaganda: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm

WEATHER MIN 24°C | MAX 36°C
FORECAST: Showers late. Overcast.
Sunrise 06.04 am | Sunset 06.32 pm | Moonrise 03.07 pm | Moonset 03.09 am

Watch out: Fairness creams damage kidneys

Study finds high levels of mercury contributing to rise of Membranous Nephropathy

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

FAIRNESS creams used by women can damage their kidneys due to high amounts of mercury in them, according to a study. "The increased use of fairness creams with high levels of mercury is contributing to the rise of Membranous Nephropathy (MN). This disorder results in the body excreting excessive protein in urine," the study said.

Published recently in the Kidney International journal, researchers analysed 22 cases of MN reported between July 2021 and September 2023 in India. The findings came to light after one of the researchers, Dr Sajeesh Sivadas from Kottakkal, Kerala, posted them on X.

"Heavy metal estimation in blood or urine was done on 11 patients. Nine of them showed elevated mercury levels in blood, urine, or both. Those with normal mercury levels presented late after symptom onset, long after having stopped applying the creams. Two patients in the retrospective group, who were not using the creams, were not tested. One patient with markedly elevated serum mercury level showed a reduction in the level three months after stopping the cream," the study said.

Dr Vidyashankar P, lead consultant, Nephrology, Aster CMI Hospital, said, "Regular use of certain fairness creams with elevated mercury levels can pose serious health hazards. Mercury can penetrate the skin and interfere with the kidney's filtration process, leading to MN, with symptoms, including swelling in the legs, protein leakage in urine, and potentially elevated creatinine levels. In approximately 30% of the cases, this can advance to chronic kidney disease."

The Minamata Convention on mercury has set an international legal limit of 1 ppm for mercury level, beyond which it can be harmful to skin, he said and added that it is advisable to avoid using fairness creams that surpass this threshold.

Dr Manjunath S, consultant, Nephrology, Fortis Hospital, defined MN as an autoimmune kidney disorder where mercury disrupts the immune system and attaches to the basement membrane in the kidney which prompts an immune reaction that harms the filters. This results in proteinuria (excessive protein in urine) and edema (swelling).

It is advisable to opt for mercury-free alternatives and consider checking the ingredients list for terms like "mercurous chloride" and "calomel," which indicates the presence of mercury, Dr Manjunath said.

Determining the precise occurrence of MN caused by fairness creams is challenging. Various factors contribute to this condition, making it complex to pinpoint the influence of fairness creams in each instance. However, studies indicate a possible link, especially considering the widespread availability of mercury-containing fairness creams in India, he said.

FINAL HURDLE
Students make last-minute checks before appearing for the Common Entrance Test (CET) in Bengaluru on Thursday | VINOD KUMAR T

RGUHS creates roadmap for 2025, aims for global tag

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences is looking at a new vision plan that allows for holistic medical education, to enhance the quality of health sciences and take it to the global stage. With a focus on research, training and international collaboration, RGUHS wants to be known as a "research-oriented university" and global centre of excellence.

At a press meet, RGUHS Vice-Chancellor MK Ramesh emphasised that the vision plan is not just for 2025 but beyond it, with a state-of-the-art campus, and promotion of health tourism through hospitality. "The health sector will play a big role in the coming years and RGUHS wants to take a lead in it," he added. At a workshop organised on Thursday with key leaders from the university, the agenda was to rethink RGUHS plans and develop a new roadmap.

Some priorities include creating a student-friendly and transparent system to avoid malpractices. The varsity has already started testing exam tablets on a pilot basis and in the next few months, it will be implemented across all streams.

A digitised, paperless system for all administration work to minimise physical contact and foster administrative responsibility, establishing a new department for inter-linked departmental research, focus on capacity building, staff development programmes for the varsity and all affiliated faculty members and becoming a premiere medical institution in the coming decade are some of the goals.

"In its paperless pursuit, the university has also instructed all its colleges to register over 2.5 lakh students for face and voice recognition technology. A circular has been issued and colleges given three months. In a first of its kind, QR codes will also be printed on hall tickets to avoid impersonation during exams," added Ramesh.

Research is being encouraged at undergraduate, postgraduate, faculty, and interdisciplinary department levels, along with collaborative and translational work, added the VC. RGUHS has set up a corpus of Rs 2,000 crore and the interest drawn is used for research work.

Good response to Jalamitra, 9k registrations in 30 days

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BANGALORE Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) chairman Ram Prasat Manohar on Thursday said the 'Jalamitra' project has received a good response with more than 9,000 registrations within 30 days.

He was speaking at a zonal workshop held as part of the Water Surplus Bengaluru campaign here.

"Registrations began on March 14 as part of the 'Save Water - Grow Bengaluru' campaign. More than 9,000 people responded by registering themselves as 'Jalamitras'. No government projects can be successful without people's participation," Manohar said and appealed to water ambassadors ('Jalamitras') to make Bengaluru a water surplus city by 2026.

This campaign is aimed at raising awareness on the importance of water conservation and BWSSB's people-friendly programmes such as water and sewage management, rainwater harvesting, etc. "People must inform BWSSB about using treated water, water wastage, and drainage problems," the chairman said.

He said sector-wise workshops will be held for 9,000 'Jalamitras' across the city. The board will raise awareness on the need for pits to harvest rainwater. It has set a target of having 1,000 pits. About 650 recharge pits are ready. "Awareness should be created on the need to have pits to harvest rainwater," Manohar said.

The information given by BWSSB should be conveyed to people. Any problems related to water supply and drainage should be brought to the attention of the officials, he said.

Around 500 'Jalamitras' and Bengaluru South Zone chief engineer Venkatesh were present.

Vote for the best of your own free will: Girinath

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

DISTRICT Election Officer and BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath told students that every young voter is an election ambassador and they should vote without any inducement.

Addressing students at MS Ramaiah Medical College as part of 'Our Walk Towards Polling Booth' campaign, Girinath said voters should choose and vote for the best candidate of their own free will without being subjected to any inducements. He said eligible voters should know about the candidate of their constituency and cast their precious vote. "If you don't want to vote for any candidate, then you can vote for NOTA. The attitude of 'nothing will change with our one vote' should be changed and everyone should vote," said Girinath.

BBMP, MS Ramaiah Medical College and Voters Literacy Club together are heading the campaign to ensure more votes are polled in the general election for three Lok Sabha constituencies in the city.

EXPRESS READ

KIA named best regional airport in South Asia

Bengaluru: The Kempegowda International Airport has won the title of 'Best Regional Airport in India and South Asia' during the 2024 Skytrax World Airport Awards. This recognition is based on a comprehensive customer satisfaction survey. The Skytrax awards ceremony was held at the Passenger Terminal Expo in Frankfurt, Germany, on April 17. An official release said Terminal 2 also secured the second position as the 'World's Best New Airport Terminal'. This award covers new airport terminals that have opened in the previous 18 months, and covers the full range of airport facilities, staff services and customer experience evaluation. ENS

Lovely varsity wins IN-SPACe CANSAT competition

Bengaluru: The two-day IN-SPACe CANSAT India Student Competition which is a collaborative effort between the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe) and the Astronautical Society of India (ASI) came to an end with team 'Vihanga' from Lovely Professional University winning the first prize. The event saw 28 teams from across the country. Team Dyaus from the Institute of Technology, Nirma University won the second prize and Team M.A.T.R.I.X from the Bharath Institute of Higher Education and Research got the third prize. ENS

KIA hits 38.2°C, rain forecast in city today

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KEMPEGOWDA International Airport (KIA) in Bengaluru Rural on Thursday recorded a maximum of 38.2 degrees Celsius while the city recorded a maximum of 37.2 degrees Celsius.

The IMD has forecast rainfall over Bengaluru Urban and Rural on Friday. India Meteorological Department officials said while the temperature at the airport is the highest so far, the city had recorded a maximum of 37.6 degrees Celsius on April 17.

On April 8, Bengaluru had recorded 37.2 degrees Celsius. As per IMD data, the city had recorded a maximum of 36.5 degrees Celsius on April 19, 2023, and a maximum of 36.7 degrees Celsius on April 30, 2022.

Rainfall has also been forecast over Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, Uttara Kannada, Belagavi, Dharwad, Gadag, Haveri, Chamarajanagar, Chikkaballapur, Chikkamagaluru, Chitradurga, Davanagere, Hassan, Kodagu, Kolar, Mandya, Mysuru, Ramanagara, Shivamogga, Tumakuru and Vijayanagara.

Man leaves behind diamond ring at Passport Kendra, gets it back

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

IT was a happy ending for a 65-year-old Mysuru native, who had forgotten his diamond-studded wedding ring at the Passport Seva Kendra in Lalbagh, which he had visited on Wednesday to apply for his passport. The ornament was recovered and handed over to his Bengaluru-based nephew, K Umesh Prabhu, by passport officials on Thursday.

Visitors leaving behind documents at the passport office is a common phenomenon but someone leaving behind a precious ring is a rarity here, said V Mahesh Vandal, who is Karnataka in-charge, for Tata Consultancy Services, which takes care of operations of all Passport Seva Kendras in the country.

Speaking from Mysuru, Prabhu, who retired as the General Manager of the pharmaceutical firm Torrent, said, "This ring is of enormous significance. It was given to me by my wife on our wedding day in 1992. Its cost must be anything between Rs 1 lakh and Rs 1.5 lakh. But its actual value for me is infinite. To be honest, I thought I would never get it back."

Prabhu said, "I had left early for Bengaluru on Wednesday as I had a tatkal appointment for my passport. We arrived at 9.45 am for the 10.30 am appointment. I got to know of a special queue for senior citizens and I went there. While my fingerprints were being scanned, my ring was moving around as it was a bit loose. Hence, I removed it and placed it aside, and gave the biometrics. The process was really quick and I went to my sister's house in Bengaluru later."

It was when he was traveling back to Mysuru that he realised his ring was missing. "As soon as I reached Mysuru, I found the Lalbagh passport seva mail id online and wrote to them. I also stated my nephew SN Sunil Pai would come down to collect it the following day," he said.

CH Gangashankar, Central Manager of TCS at the PSK, said, "Our associate CC Soumya found it and handed it over to me for safekeeping. We gave it to his nephew today (Thursday)."

Prabhu shot off another mail to the passport office lauding the quick service by a government organisation.

POSTAL EVENTS MARK WORLD HERITAGE DAY

Bengaluru: The Karnataka Postal Circle marked World Heritage Day on Thursday with three separate events at the General Post Office. Chief Postmaster General (CPMG) of the Circle, S Rajendra Kumar, released a set of six picture post cards on Mysuru buildings, based on sketches made by architect Sakshi Jain, to mark the 'Namma Ooru Tales-Mysuru' event. "The focus is on little known buildings of Mysuru that are in need of restoration," he said. A special cancellation with the outline of Bewoor building-Mysuru Head Post Office was also released. This cancellation is available at the four philately bureaus in the State -- Bengaluru, Mysuru, Mangaluru and Belagavi. The final event was a permanent pictorial cancellation on Ashoka Pillar in Jayanagar. Unlike other cancellations which are available at post offices only on the date of issual, this cancellation will be available permanently at the Jayanagar 3rd Block Post Office, the CPMG said.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

19th April: Friday is Venus' day. In ancient times Venus was known as the Queen of Heaven, such was the planet's splendour. We're not sure where that connection came from but its traditional meaning is that it's an auspicious moment for pursuing all affectionate Venusian activities, including falling in love, making friends and getting married.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
The Sun's relationship with Pluto is creating opportunities in the finan-cial sphere, but only if you are prepared to take risks. Much depends on your confidence; if you believe in yourself, success will be more likely. In love, play your adventurous cards.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Your current relationship with the Sun has become something of a regular event, although you will feel no less hot and bothered for all that. It is actually a superb day to get to the root of long-term problems. Once you've got a view of the bigger picture, you can sort out daily questions.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
There really is little doubt that if you persist in refusing to make improvements in your working conditions, you'll live to rue the wasted opportunity. Get to the heart of the matter if partners come to you with their difficulties. In fact, your laser-beam intuition will spot the problems other people miss.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Today's planetary patterns are pretty well perfect for all affairs of the heart, if a little intense. You are in the right mood to be swept off your feet, but there's no reason why romance should be the one and only out let for your abundant energy.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
The pressure for change at home is still strong but only you can decide whether imminent alterations are really desirable. Don't shrink from emotional complications as there is very little to be gained from sparing partners' feelings. It's time to face up to the truth.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
It is not exactly correct to say that current financial conditions are entirely favourable yet. But, if you make sufficient effort to familiarise yourself with the issues, you will stand a much better chance of securing a good deal. Get a move on with a domestic plan, otherwise you might run out of time.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Please apply all your native wit to the not inconsiderable problems that are circulating at the present time. Emotional undercurrents can be disturbing, but never were your logical skills as necessary as they are now. You will be able to develop your romantic hopes only by disregarding certain restrictions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
However determined you are to stick to prearranged plans, circumstances will conspire to push you off course. Perhaps partners will show themselves to be unwilling to accept your view as completely correct. Why not do yourself a favour and look for the grains of truth in their criticism!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
You cannot be called a suspicious person as a rule, but at the moment there does appear to be a lot going on behind your back. Pay no heed to people who seem to be determined to do you down, but carry on your own affairs with your usual honesty and integrity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Whatever you do, even if you try to keep it to yourself, is bound to end up in the public domain. Focus your energy on your long-term hopes and wishes, putting day-to-day affairs on one side. What you really need to do now is get on with a personal, creative goal.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Planetary activity in intriguing sectors of your chart advises you to set your sights high. Forget all that you've read about Aquarius being an egalitarian and democratic sign, and go all out for personal advancement and promotion. If at first an invitation seems strange, that is no reason to rule it out completely.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Your ambitious and far-seeing nature must be satisfied, even if you've a lot on your plate today. Cultivate your adventurous side and plan an exciting break. Far-off countries seem to beckon, but with so much choice, where should you go? Probably somewhere where you can be alone!

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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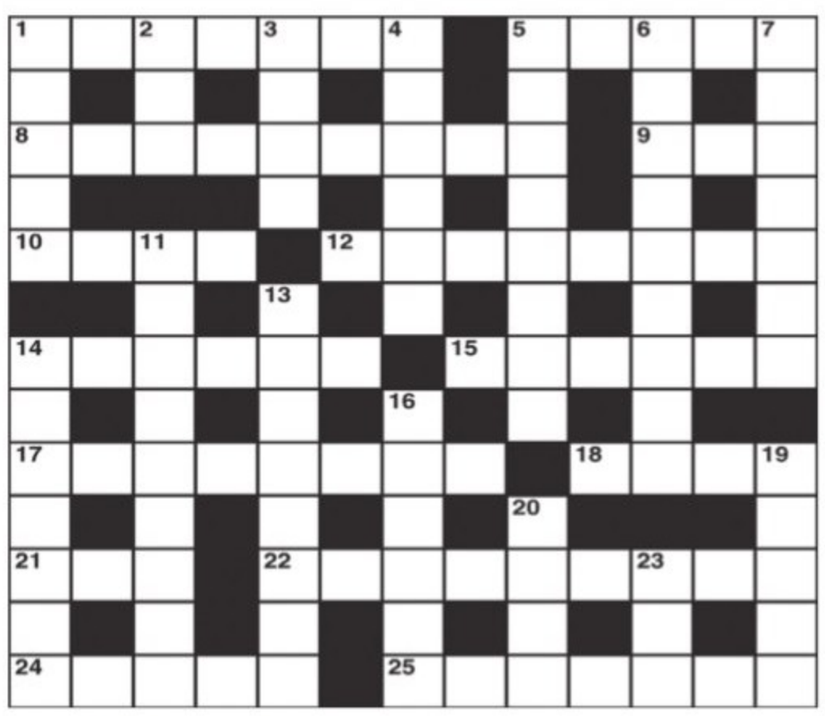
Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Washington's source of interest (7)
5 Ways in which Dora's gone astray (5)
8 The means I contrived to control the sail (9)
9 The girl to take action (3)
10 It serves food containing calcium and iron (4)
12 Made fish pie for the hungry (8)
14 Relations appear to be uneasy in Scene I (6)
15 Eat her concoction; it warms you up (6)
17 Citizens taught in schools (8)
18 They are the ones in suits (4)
21 Time some of the fastest athletes (3)
22 A fold in an envelope (9)
24 Pious - nothing short of goodly (5)
25 Contracts for psychiatrists (7)

DOWN
1 Funny business with tailless rodents (5)
2 Perhaps it includes a letter from Greece (3)
3 Trial set up on the sixth of August (4)
4 Drifting fish turn up on the way (6)
5 Not a wholesale storyteller? (8)
6 Wrongly teaches it as being in good taste (9)
7 Poet with no saving graces? (7)
11 No paying guest has this room above water (9)
13 Dead centre? (8)
14 Is it to encourage laying in a little money? (4,3)
16 Remains in the rural areas (6)
19 Pedestrian measures (5)
20 Animal with fur and a round head (4)
23 Runabout vessel (3)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Obstacle, 5 Pomp, 9 Set up, 10 Voucher, 11 Here and there, 13 Ousted, 14 Snacks, 17 Guessing game, 20 Hold out, 21 Erica, 22 Tons, 23 Chanters.

Down: 1 Oast, 2 Sitters, 3 Apprehension, 4 Living, 6 Ochre, 7 Perverse, 8 Putting green, 12 Long shot, 15 Combine, 16 Snatch, 18 Ellen, 19 Bass.

JUMBLE UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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DETOUR AHEAD
Road's closed. What's the plan?
No problem. The GPS has a new route. We've got plenty of time.
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: BLISS FORGO BUCKLE GLITCH
Answer: The young clown replacing the retiring clown had — BIG SHOES TO FILL

A 22-year-old staff nurse reportedly died by suicide by coming under a moving train near Deepanjali Nagar on Thursday morning. The deceased, identified as Channabasu Ashok Yalameli, was a native of Karjol in Vijayapura district. He was staying at his aunt's house in Cholarapalya, off Magadi Road, and worked as a nurse at a private hospital in KR Puram

Gaming addict held for stealing SIM, credit cards

KARTHIK K K @Mysuru

IN a tale that blends the allure of online gaming with the darker shades of crime, the arrest of a 31-year-old man in Mysuru has uncovered a web of theft and deceit stretching across cities.

Pradeep, a resident of Muddbeeranahundi in T Narasipur taluk of Mysuru district, whose quest for quick riches led him down a path of illegal schemes.

Pradeep's alleged addiction to online Rummy became a gateway to nefarious activities. Posing as a harmless guest in PG accommodations, Pradeep would weave a web of deceit, befriending unsuspecting inmates before striking when they least expect it.

His modus operandi was as cunning as it was audacious. Under the cover of night or during moments of solitude, Pradeep would pilfer credit cards and SIM cards from sleeping or bathing victims. These became his tools for financial exploitation, with Pradeep allegedly depositing substantial sums into online Rummy games, hoping to turn virtual cards into tangible wealth. Based on complaints, CEN police inspector Prasanna Kumar under the guidance of DCP Muthuraju and Devaraja ACP Shantha Mallappa and others took him to custody.

MAN STABS LOVER TO DEATH, HER MOTHER SMASHES HIS HEAD

Their relationship continued for five years, even as man was married with two children

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A 46-year-old man, who stabbed his 25-year-old lover to death, was murdered by her mother at Shiva Temple Park near Sarakki Market on Thursday.

After a bitter argument with the woman, the man stabbed her with a knife. The woman's mother, who was with her, smashed the man's head with a concrete brick at the park around 4.15pm.

The deceased have been identified as Suresh of Goraguntepalya and Anusha of Shakambari Nagar in JP Nagar. Suresh was an employee of an event management company and Anusha worked as a caretaker in a local hospital.

Woman wanted to end relationship

It is said that Suresh and Anusha worked with an event management company earlier and were in a relationship. Despite knowing that Suresh was married and had two children, Anusha continued her relationship with him for five years.

However, she wanted to end the relationship and told Suresh to keep away from her. But Suresh kept pestering her. Unable to bear the harassment, Anusha approached the police some time ago.

She approached the police even on Thursday morning. Meanwhile, Suresh requested her to meet him one last time at the park.

"Anusha went to the park along with her mother Geetha. When Suresh tried to convince her to continue their relationship, she refused. Enraged by this, Suresh started stabbing her with a knife. Seeing her daughter being stabbed, Geetha picked up a concrete brick that was lying in the park and smashed his head. Suresh, who sustained severe head injuries, died on the spot," the police said.

The police have detained Geetha.

Further investigations under way.

TCS World 10K, Bengaluru Race Day Finishers tee was unveiled by Dr Swadesh Srivastava, CBO, Emerging Mobility, Hero MotoCorp; Saurabh Sharma, Director Asics India; Naarayan TV, Chief Marketing Officer, IDFC FIRST Bank; Bilat Thongram - Corporate Marketing Head TCS; Sunil Deshpande, Regional Head, TCS, Bengaluru; Anju Bobby George, Sr. Vice President - Athletics Federation of India; Rajendra Kataria, Principal Secretary, Revenue, Govt. of Karnataka; Deepak Menezes, GM, ITC Windsor; Zamrooda Khanday, CMO, aidbees and Vivek Singh, Joint MD, Procam International | VINOD KUMAR T

B'luru set to host TCS 10K run

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@Bengaluru

The 16th edition of the Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) World 10K Bengaluru marathon will kick-off at the Manekshaw Parade grounds on Sunday.

Legendary shot putter Valerie Adams, a four-time world champion and two-time Olympic medallist, will be the International Event Ambassador.

About 30,000 runners will take part in various categories, including 10K (Open and Elite), Majja Run, Champions with Disability, and the Silvers' Run. Pre-race activities for all participants will be held at the Rajendra Sinhji Army Officers Institute (RSAOI), while post-race engagements will take place on the field. The route will offer a scenic journey, passing through Bengaluru's renowned landmarks like Chinnaswamy Stadium, High Court and Vidhana Soudha as well as cover a 3-km stretch around Ulsoor Lake.

The Indian elite women's lineup will include defending champion Tamshi Singh and Sanjivani Jadhav, a two-time champion and event record holder with a timing of 33:38 set in 2018. Meanwhile, Harmanjot Singh, last year's runner-up, will again compete in the men's category.

Winners in the Indian Men's and Women's categories will receive Rs 2.75 lakh each. Additionally, a record-breaking performance could earn them an extra Rs 2 lakh.

WORLD LIVER DAY

DOCS: EARLY DETECTION VITAL TO REDUCE IMPACT OF LIVER CANCER

RISHITA KHANNA @Bengaluru

LIVER cancer, ranked in the Top 10 among the most common cancers in India, has a poor prognosis. About 60% of patients succumb within a year, and 78% of them do not survive beyond five years. While early detection can significantly improve the chances of survival and reduce the impact of the disease, preventing the majority of liver cancers can be achieved through vaccination against Hepatitis B, along with the treatment of Hepatitis C, diabetes, and obesity, experts highlighted on World Liver Day, which is observed on April 19.

Explaining the trends in liver cancer over the years in India, Dr Radheshyam Naik, Consultant Medical Oncologist, Hematologist and Bone Marrow Transplant Physician with Sammprada Hospital, said that liver cancer incidence linked to infections such as Hepatitis B and C is on the decline, while cases attributed to lifestyle factors like obesity, smoking, and alcohol consumption are rising. "Moreover, an unhealthy diet contributing to diabetes and metabolic syndrome has emerged as a significant cause of liver cancer," he said.

Dr Sonal Asthana, Lead Consultant - HPB and Liver Transplant Surgery, Aster CMI Hospital, said that diagnosing liver cancer in its early stages can pose challenges as symptoms may be vague or absent. However, as the disease progresses, individuals may begin to experience various indicators, the doctor added.

Unexplained weight loss, fatigue, and weakness are common, alongside abdominal swelling or bloating caused by fluid buildup or an enlarged liver. Loss of appetite or feeling full quickly after eating may also occur. Other signs include jaundice, characterised by yellowing of the skin and eyes, as well as pale stools and dark urine, she added. Early detection through vigilance for these symptoms, coupled with routine screenings for those at risk, is crucial for improving outcomes in liver cancer treatment, Dr Sonal elaborated.

BJP worker loses life in hit-and-run

MADIKERI: A BJP worker involved in election campaigning was killed in a hit-and-run accident in Kodagu. The accident took place at Valnuru Thyagathuru village near Siddapura. Ramappa (68), the BJP worker, and other workers, including Ratish and Chandraraj, were standing by the roadside, when a speeding car heading from Siddapura Road ran over the three. Ramappa died on the spot, while the other two were injured. While the car sped away after, a few villagers tailed and stopped it. Among the two accused in the car, one accused Arshad was nabbed by the villagers and handed over to the police. Siddapura police are further investigating the case. **ENS**

CRIME PATROL

Scribe among 5 held for kidnapping child

MYSURU: The Vijayanagar police have arrested five persons, including a journalist, on the charges of kidnapping and attempting to sell a one-year-and-nine-month-old child here on Thursday. The police have arrested journalist Manjunath, a resident of Mysuru, Indrakumar of Nagawala and Vijayalakshmi, Supriya and Kumar of Mandya. Two others are absconding. A Bihar couple, Ramadalli Devi and G Mandala, were living with their one-year-and-nine-month-old son in a shed in Hinkal, on the outskirts of Mysuru. The accused persons abducted the child which was playing near the shed and attempted to sell it to an acquaintance. As the couple found their child missing, they immediately registered a complaint at the Vijayanagara police station. Based on the evidence at the crime scene, the police managed to rescue the child within a few hours after registering a case and arrested five accused who kidnapped and tried to sell the child.

Paediatrician dies by suicide

BENGALURU: A 38-year-old paediatrician working at a city-based private hospital reportedly died by suicide by jumping in front of a moving train near Yelahanka railway station. The incident occurred around 7.15 pm on Wednesday. The doctor has been identified as Dr Anantha Prasad, a resident of Kempapura in Hebbal. He is reportedly married three months ago. The reasons for the suicide are yet to be ascertained. The Yeshwanthapura railway police have registered a case and are investigating.

Woman, son found dead in water sump

BENGALURU: A 40-year-old woman and her eight-year-old son were found dead under mysterious circumstances inside a water sump in Yelahanka New Town police station limits on Thursday. The deceased are Savitha and her son Pawan. The incident occurred in East Colony. The bodies were recovered from the sump by Fire personnel. The police are ascertaining if there is any foul play involved.

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Name of the work; NIT NO & Date : Supply & installation of outer enclosure (ACP cladding & structural glazing) for 13 Passenger Capsule Lift at Admin Block, LEOS, Peenya, Bengaluru-58. NIET No: CMG/LEOS/2023-24/LMN-11/R1 Dtd: 03.04.2024 **Estimated cost put to tender & EMD in Rs. 23.21Lakhs EMD Rs: 46,414/- Period of Completion in months :** (04) Four Months Tender document can be downloaded from : **Opening Date :** 05.04.2024 **Closing Date :** 22.04.2024

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Place: Bengaluru Deputy General Manager

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On Behalf of the President of India, item-rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for the following works:

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1	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/ सीएमजी/ टीडी/ ई-07/ एमआई/ सीपीएच-07/2024-25 इसरो हाउसिंग कॉलोनी में निम्नलिखित स्थानों पर एस.टी.पी. के सीवेज/ उपचारित सीवेज जल के विश्लेषण के लिए ऑनलाइन सतत निगरानी प्रणाली की आपूर्ति, अधिष्ठापन, परीक्षण और प्रवर्तन (क) नागरकोविल (ख) वल्लियूर व (ग) महेंद्रगिरि। **Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of online Continuous Monitoring System for analyzing the Sewage/treated sewage water of STP, ISRO Housing Colony, at the following locations: a]. Nagercoil, b]. Valliyoor & c]. Mahendragiri.**	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-07/MI/CPH-07/2024-25 44.55	01 (एक महीना / One Month)	89,100
2	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/ सीएमजी/ टीडी/ ई-29/ एमए/ सीपीएच-15/2024-25 आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि के 'बी' और 'सी' ग्रुप क्षेत्रों में विभिन्न भवनों/ सुविधाओं में क्षतिग्रस्त वस्तुओं के प्रतिस्थापन सहित ऐलुमिनियम संबंधित विभाजन, दरवाजों और खिड़कियों के रखरखाव कार्य। **Maintenance works of Aluminium related partition, doors & windows including replacement of damaged items at various buildings/ facilities in 'B' &'C' Group areas at IPRC, Mahendragiri.**	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-29/MA/CPH-15/2024-25 23.69	12 (बारह महीने / Twelve Months)	47,400
3	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/ सीएमजी/ टीडी/ ई-33/ एमआई/ सीपीएच-16/2024-25 आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि के तकनीकी सेवा भवन के पास मुख्य सड़क के किनारे पॉलीकार्बोनेट शीट छत के साथ जंगरोधी इस्पात बस शेल्टर का निर्माण। **Construction of Stainless Steel Bus Shelter with Polycarbonate Sheet Roofing along main road near Technical Service Building, IPRC, Mahendragiri.**	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-33/MI/CPH-16/2024-25 6.38	04 (चार महीने / Four Months)	12,800
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5	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/ सीएमजी/ टीडी/ ई-17/ एमडब्ल्यू-एसी-01/ 2024-25 आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि में टंकी भंडारण और हार्डवेयर भंडारण सुविधा (एस.सी.-120) के लिए वातानुकूलन कार्य। **Air Conditioning works for Tank Storage & Hardware Storage facility (SC-120), at IPRC, Mahendragiri.**	NIT no: IPRC/CMG/TD/e-17/MW/AC-01/2024-25 202.24	12 (बारह महीने / Twelve Months)	4,04,500
6	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/ सीएमजी/ टीडी/ ई-18/ एमडब्ल्यू-एसी-02/ 2024-25 आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि के प्रस्तावित केंद्रीकृत सर्वर सुविधा के लिए वातानुकूलन प्रदान करना। **Providing Air-conditioning to the proposed Centralized server facility at IPRC, Mahendragiri.**	NIT no: IPRC/CMG/TD/e-18/MW/AC-02/2024-25 66.75	07 (सात महीने / Seven Months)	1,33,500

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Prof Rajeev Gowda, Congress Bangalore North candidate

POLLING DATE
PHASE-2 APRIL 26
PHASE-3 MAY 7

DAYS TO GO
PHASE-2 7
PHASE-3 18

TOTAL SEIZURES
₹400.32 crore

FIRs BOOKED
1,872

VOTE FROM HOME
PHASE-2 APRIL 13-18, 2024
NO. OF PEOPLE VOTED FROM HOME 46,577 (95.82%)

TWEET OF THE DAY

I heard from parents about 11 questions each in Maths & Biology were out of syllabus in the CET held today. Will @drmcsudhakar own responsibility for the mess and hold people responsible to account?

@nimmasuresh, S Suresh Kumar, BJP MLA

Slogan row turns political, BJP workers hold protest

Victims say accused attacked, threatened them; Accused undergo medical tests

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

FOLLOWING Wednesday's attack on three youngsters in Vidyaranyapura for raising a religious slogan, BJP workers and members of pro-Hindu outfits staged a protest outside Vidyaranyapura police station on Thursday morning, condemning the incident. The victims also participated in the protest.

The protesters, after submitting a memorandum to DCP - North East division, called off the protest, demanding strict action against the accused. Meanwhile, two of the four arrested are said to have been under the influence of alcohol. All the accused were subjected to medical tests to check if they were under the influence of any drugs.

Meanwhile, Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje who is contesting from Bengaluru North Lok Sabha constituency, met the victims at their residence on Wednesday night and condemned the incident.

Vidyaranyapura police arrested four youths -- Farman, Sameer and two minors -- on Wednesday, within a few hours of the incident. The accused are said to be residents of Kodigehalli.

D Pavan Kumar, a victim and a a resident of Sahakarnagar, said they were going in a car towards MS Palya, when five men attacked them for chanting religious slogans.

Rahul, another victim, said they were coming from GKVK towards MS Palya when the accused blocked them and threatened them to chant the slogan. "After we got out of the car, the accused hit me on the head with a stick from behind. They also hit my friends on the face and legs," he added.

'CM, DCM responsible'

BJP leader Tammesh Gowda, who led the protest, said that CM Siddaramaiah and Deputy CM DK Shivakumar are responsible for such incidents. There is rampant ganja peddling in MS Palya and a few property owners have put up their properties for sale.

A case of deliberate and malicious acts, intended to outrage religious feelings by insulting its religion or religious beliefs (IPC 295A) uttering, words, etc, with deliberate intent to wound religious feelings (IPC 298), unlawful assembly (IPC 143) rioting (IPC 147), voluntarily causing grievous hurt (IPC 326) along with other sections of IPC has been registered against the accused.

BJP slams govt, demands action

ENS @ Bengaluru

THE BJP demanded stern action against miscreants who assaulted youth chanting "Jai Shri Ram" on Wednesday, and Leader of Opposition R Ashoka said that the government should register a sedition case against them, failing which they will protest, he warned.

He told reporters on Thursday that Hindus in Karnataka are living in fear because of the Congress government. "The government is giving support to Muslim fundamentalists. Ever since the Siddaramaiah government came to power in Karnataka, Muslim fundamentalists, people who raise pro-Pakistan slogans and follow Tipu's ideologies have increased," he said.

"When the entire country is celebrating Rama Navami, Muslim fundamentalists threatened Hindu youths to say 'Allahu Akbar' and not chant 'Jai Shriram'. They even threatened to kill them. Are we living in Pakistan?" he asked. BJP state president BY Vijayendra said, "People are living in fear. Terrorist activities are happening in Karnataka. It looks like these forces are getting support from the state government... Such incidents will be happening until Congress government is there in Karnataka."

BJP Shivamogga candidate BY Raghavendra takes out a procession, accompanied by former chief ministers BS Yediyurappa, Basavaraj Bommai and HD Kumaraswamy, as part of his nomination filing, in Shivamogga on Thursday | EXPRESS

Raghavendra files papers, HDK, BSY sure of his win

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Shivamogga

STATE JDS president and former chief minister HD Kumaraswamy said on Thursday that the BJP-JDS alliance in the past had provided good governance to the people of Karnataka. Addressing a public meeting here after NDA candidate BY Raghavendra filed his nomination, Kumaraswamy said that the three-time MP would win the upcoming elections too if the mammoth procession is of any indication.

Shivamogga goes to the polls on May 7

Calling the Congress government in the state a "pickpocket government," Kumaraswamy said that the manifesto of the Grand Old Party has promised Rs 1 lakh to every woman in the country, which will cost the exchequer Rs 75 lakh crore. "But the country's budget is only Rs 45 lakh crore. So, the people have to be aware of this fact," he said. The Congress leaders, too, are confident that they will not come to power, he ridiculed.

After witnessing this mammoth procession, I am definite that Raghavendra will win the election by a margin of more than 3 lakh votes. Victory is certain

BS Yediyurappa, former chief minister

Speaking on the occasion, former CM BS Yediyurappa called upon the people to vote for the BJP and thereby strengthen the hands of PM Narendra Modi.

"After witnessing this mammoth procession, I am definite that Raghavendra will win the election by a margin of more than 3 lakh votes. Victory is certain. Former PM HD Deve Gowda and PM Modi have joined hands, which has given immense strength to the BJP. This strength would result in the NDA winning all 28 constituencies in Karnataka," he said. Raghavendra, the incumbent MP, is the son of Yediyurappa. Former CM Basavaraj Bommai, former ministers C T Ravi, Byrati Basavaraj, Araga Jnanendra, and others were present.

HATE SPEECH

HIGH COURT STAYS ACTION AGAINST BYR

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court stayed criminal proceedings initiated against BJP MP BY Raghavendra, contesting from Shivamogga Lok Sabha constituency, concerning a case registered by Chitradurga Rural police for violation of the model code of conduct over hate speech.

Justice Krishna S Dixit passed the interim order after hearing the petition filed by Raghavendra, questioning the FIR registered by police based on the complaint filed by officers on poll duty on March 23, 2024, for offences punishable under Section 125 of the Representation of People's Act, 1951.

Counsel for the petitioner argued that the allegations levelled are miles away from generating any hatred, much less enmity. "The jurisdictional police inspector appears to not have adverted to the subtle difference between 'Dharma' and 'Religion', which the Supreme Court has explained," he said, and also drew the court's attention to a decision by the coordinate bench of the high court that provisions of the Religious Institutions (Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1988, are not attracted.

After hearing the matter, the court observed that the matter merits a deeper examination, there being a prima facie case for issue of notice to the respondents, Chitradurga police and the complainant, who is an officer on poll duty.

'Prajwal failed to address problems of Hassan'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Hassan

WOMEN Congress Wing state president Pushpa Amarnath on Thursday claimed that NDA alliance candidate **Prajwal Revanna** failed to provide justice for the people of Hassan, by not focusing on the burning issues of the district.

Addressing reporters here, she said Prajwal has also failed to draw the attention of government departments on the issues. Though elected as MP for the constituency in 2019, he has reportedly been silent on several issues for the last five years years, and has begun visiting local villages only a few months before the elections.

Brushing aside the 'Modi Wave' in the country, Pushpa said the people are unhappy with the alleged anti-poor policies of the Centre. Coming down heavily on former chief minister HD Kumaraswamy for allegedly airing controversial remarks against women, while criticising the Congress guarantees, she said the women have understood his mentality about women.

The Congress has lodged a complaint with the Women's Commission in this regard.

Criticising the BJP-JDS alliance, she said it would be better to remove the word "secular" from the regional party's name, since it has completely failed to protect its ethics. She also claimed that the JDS would be uprooted from the state in future, completely rejected by the people.

LONE FIGHT

Independent candidate for Dharwad Lok Sabha seat Dingaleshwara Swami arrives in a procession to file his nomination in Dharwad on Thursday | EXPRESS

Raghavendra, wife have assets worth ₹73.41 crore

RAMACHANDRA V GUNARI
@ Shivamogga

SITTING MP and BJP candidate for Shivamogga, BY Raghavendra, has declared that he and his wife, Tejaswini, have assets worth Rs 73.41 crore.

According to the affidavit he submitted along with his nomination papers in Shivamogga on Thursday, their total assets have increased by about Rs 6 crore compared to the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

Raghavendra has declared movable assets worth Rs 31.09 crore in his name and Rs 2.95 crore in the name of his wife, Tejaswini.

Raghavendra, the son of former chief minister and BJP strongman, BS Yediyurappa, has invested about Rs 9 crore in various businesses and industries. His immovable assets, including agricultural and non-agricultural land as well as commercial and residential buildings, are worth Rs 24.76 crore in his name and Rs 14.90 crore in his wife's name.

The couple has total liabilities of Rs 13.61 crore.

Raghavendra has given a loan of Rs 5.49 crore to his wife, Rs 85 lakh to his brother BY Vijayendra, who is the state BJP chief, Rs 65 lakh to his son Bhagath, and Rs 85 lakh to his other son Subash.

Raghavendra owns an Ambassador car worth Rs 1 lakh, a Toyota Fortuner worth Rs 41.32 lakh, and a tractor worth Rs 2.45 lakh.

Raghavendra has declared that he possesses gold, diamonds, silver, and precious stones worth Rs 98.83 lakh, and his wife Tejaswini owns gold and other ornaments worth Rs 1.13 crore.

Raghavendra is a graduate in business management and faces two criminal cases pending against him. He is also an agriculturist, educationist and a businessman. Tejaswini is an educationist and into business too. As per the affidavit, Raghavendra has cash of Rs 33,291 while his wife Tejaswini has cash of Rs 9,39,109.

NOMINATIONS

Priyanka confident of victory with big margin

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Belagavi

WITHOUT much pomp and pageantry, Congress candidate for Chikkodi Lok Sabha constituency, Priyanka Jarkiholi, submitted her nomination papers at the Returning Office in Chikkodi on Thursday.

Her father and Belagavi district minister Satish Jarkiholi, Athani MLA Laxman Savadi, minister Laxmi Hebbalkar, and others accompanied the candidate.

"I am very happy as I am the first granddaughter in our big family to contest the election. I am confident that the people of the constituency will support and elect me with a huge margin," Priyanka said,

Congress Belagavi candidate Priyanka Jarkiholi, accompanied by her father and minister Satish Jarkiholi, files her nomination in Belagavi on Thursday | EXPRESS

"We have introduced a new and young face in this election. We hope to garner good support from the people and will achieve victory. There is no point in showing off strength in the rally as all Congress leaders in the district are united and will achieve victory," Satish added. "Congress has given chance to young leaders in Chikkodi and Belagavi seats. Tickets have been given to categories of scheduled tribes, Lingayats, and Marathas in districts in view of social justice. This factor will be useful for us. There are no rebels in Congress. Our candidates will achieve victory with a good lead," Hebbalkar said.

Savadi said, "We have started conducting meetings at district, taluk and village levels and will meet every voter. Citizens are not going to vote based on caste. They will analyse the 10 years of governance and will also contemplate on the five guarantee schemes before choosing the right candidate."

JADHAV FILES NOMINATION IN KALABURAGI

KALABURAGI: Thousands of BJP members joined the procession of Lok Sabha candidate Dr Umesh Jadhav, before he filed his nomination papers in Kalaburagi on Thursday. Jadhav, BJP state president BY Vijayendra, and other leaders participated in the procession, which commenced at 11.30 am from Nagareshwara School, and culminated near the Deputy Commissioner's office at 1.30 pm, where the candidate filed his nomination papers. Cultural programmes were also organised as part of the procession. Later, Vijayendra addressed the media and public, saying that there is a Modi Wave across the country, and people are appreciating the work of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP government. "BJP candidates will win in all seats in Karnataka and the candidate of the Gulbarga constituency will win with a margin of three lakh votes," he said. ENS

BJP workers march in a procession in support of party Lok Sabha candidate Dr Umesh Jadhav in Kalaburagi on Thursday | EXPRESS

Vishwanath calls Siddu ungrateful, opportunist

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mysuru

BJP MLC AH Vishwanath criticised Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and called him an "ungrateful man who lacks gratitude".

Speaking to the media here on Thursday, Vishwanath recalled Siddaramaiah's political resurgence through Khalimullah Khan's support and later failing to recognise his role. "Khan, a former Congress member, received backing from the then chief minister HD Kumaraswamy, during the 2006 Chamundeshwari by-election. Despite Kumaraswamy's support, Khan eventually sided with the Congress due to the intervention of party leaders. However, Siddaramaiah, who had held the CM's post twice, neglected Khan's contributions. Such ingratitude characterises Siddaramaiah, who belongs to a clique of leaders known for abandoning their benefactors once they attain power," Vishwanath alleged.

Responding to recent remarks by Kumaraswamy regarding women on Congress guarantees, Vishwanath challenged Siddaramaiah's selective outrage, referencing a past incident involving the CM's inappropriate behaviour towards a woman during a public meeting in Gargeshwari.

Regarding his political affiliations, Vishwanath clarified that technically, he is a BJP MLC nominated by the Governor, but underscored his association with multiple parties, including Congress and JDS. "I always criticised the wrongs done by leaders from all factions without bias," he said.

Vishwanath also criticised the Congress for playing the Vokkaliga caste card in the Mysuru Lok Sabha constituency. "In the previous Lok Sabha election, there was Congress-JDS coalition government in the state. As coalition candidate, former prime minister HD Deve Gowda wanted to contest from the Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha segment. But Siddaramaiah and DK Shivakumar gave ticket to Kuruba leader CH Vijayshankar, which resulted in Gowda contesting from Tumakuru and losing. Congress is responsible for Gowda's defeat," he said.

Finally, Vishwanath questioned Siddaramaiah's motives in visiting BJP MP V Srinivasa Prasad's house.

The I-T dept seized 3 kg gold biscuits worth Rs 2.10 crore, from the international airport in Bhubaneswar. The passenger transporting the gold got a whiff of the raid and did not board the flight. However, I-T team caught hold of the person, who is detained by the sleuths

EXTRA VVPAT SLIP FOR BJP 'BASELESS', SAYS EC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@T'Puram/Kasaragod

THE Election Commission has termed as 'baseless' reports that Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) in Kasaragod Lok Sabha constituency erroneously logged in votes in favour of the BJP during the mock polls.

Irregularities were detected in four EVMs during the mock poll in Kasaragod Parliamentary constituency on Wednesday. When the 'vote' was cast for all 10 candidates in the EVMs, the Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) machine gave 11 print outs.The BJP's 'Lotus' symbol found to be printed twice during the mock poll.

In the wake of the complaints, the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) - Kerala Sanjay Kaul sought a report from the District Collector of Kasaragod, who is also the District Electoral Officer, about the matter. As per the report, the VVPAT slip that was not printed during the initial inspection conducted by the officials, came out printed during the mock poll, causing the confusion.

According to the CEO, the message 'not to be counted' was printed on this slip. It also recorded 'Standardization done', and the 'VVPAT serial number'. "Besides, the slip was also longer than other VVPAT slips. All this makes it all the more evident that the slip obtained during the mock poll was the preliminary examination slip," the official said.

Kaul added that all the voting machines used in the Lok Sabha elections in the state are completely safe and flawless and that there is no need for any apprehensions. He said the commissioning of EVMs is carried out by engineers from Bharat Electronics (BEL) Ltd under the direct supervision of Assistant Returning Officers. The commissioning process takes place in the presence of the candidates or the agents appointed by the candidates and the process is also fully webcast, he said.

Meanwhile, DC Inbasekar K said the irregularities related to four VVPAT machines were sorted. "The commissioning process was finalised once the candidates' agents were satisfied. We are fully convinced of the operation of the machines," he said. Two of the VVPAT machines in question were replaced due to technical problems based on the report of the polling officials, he added.

WAR OF WORDS

Rahul questions Pinarayi for going soft on BJP

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Congress leader Rahul Gandhi addresses a public meeting in Kannur on Thursday

RAHUL Gandhi has launched an attack against Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan for not talking against BJP. During an election campaign in Kannur Rahul questioned why Pinarayi has not been investigated by the Enforcement Directorate (ED). Rahul also accused Pinarayi for attacking him throughout the election campaigns instead of Modi.

"Two CMs in this country are already in jail for standing against the BJP government. If Pinarayi is against the BJP, I wonder why he has not faced any legal consequences yet. Why didn't he go to jail? The Chief Minister is attacking me 24 hours a day. His approach is very surprising," said Rahul.

"If anyone attacks the BJP, the BJP and the investigation agencies in this country will definitely go behind them. Pinarayi says that he is waging an ideological battle against the BJP. Then I'm surprised why ED is not doing anything against Pinarayi in Kerala," Rahul said.Gandhi spoke about his own experiences of opposition from the BJP, saying, "When going to Parliament, BJP MPs will say that he is disturbing us. I had to pay a heavy price for that.

The BJP is using the media to hunt me down. I was removed from my Lok Sabha membership, questioned by the ED, and expelled from my official residence."

Rahul Gandhi also said that this is the first election in the country where the Constitution will have to be discussed. "BJP is gone to an extent that no other party will ever think of. BJP insults every Keralite by imposing Hindi language.

19-yr-old held for attack on AP CM Jagan

ENS @ Vijayawada

FIVE days after Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy was attacked with a stone at Daba Kottu Centre, Vijayawada police have arrested the prime accused and produced him before a local court on Thursday.

The accused, identified as Vemula Satish Kumar, is a resident of Vaddera Colony. Principal junior civil court-cum-metropolitan magistrate court judge C Ramana Reddy remanded Satish to 14 days judicial custody. The 19-year-old was later shifted to Nellore district prison. According to police, the teenager, along with a few others, threw a sharp-edged concrete stone at the YSRC president when the latter's cavalcade reached Vivekananda School on April 13. In the remand report, police said Satish resorted to the attack with an intention to kill or cause harm to Jagan.

A case has been registered in the Ajith Singh Nagar police station under Section 307 (attempt to murder) after Vijayawada West MLA and YSRC's candidate for Vijayawada Central, Velampalli Srinivasa Rao lodged a complaint. In the incident, Velampalli also sustained an injury to his left eye. Based on the investigation, a few more IPC Sections, including 120(B) and 107(2), were added to the FIR.

The police submitted to the court that Satish attended Jagan's roadshow on April 13. He carried a stone picked up from the Singh Nagar bridge. When Jagan's caravan reached Vivekananda School junction, he joined the crowd gathered there to greet the CM, and threw the stone at Jagan with full force. "As a result, Jagan and Velampalli Srinivasa Rao were injured. This is an act of target to kill or cause harm to Jagan," said public prosecutor Krishna Kishore, on behalf of Vijayawada police.

POLLS IN TN: ALL ARRANGEMENTS IN PLACE, SAYS CEO

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Chennai

CHIEF Electoral Officer Satyabrata Sahoo on Thursday said all arrangements are in place for polling for the Lok Sabha elections in Tamil Nadu on Friday. There are 950 candidates in the fray and of them, 874 are male candidates and 76 are women.

Polling will occur in all 39 Lok Sabha constituencies between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. The voters who will be in the queue at 6 p.m. will be given tokens and will be allowed to vote.

At the secretariat here, a state-level control room has been set up to live monitor polling across Tamil Nadu. In all, web streaming will be available for over 44,000 polling stations out of the 68,321 stations in the State.

A team of 13 DRO cadre officials will be monitoring the poll process in these polling stations randomly from the control room. They will also receive complaints regarding polling and forward them to concerned authorities in the districts for quickly resolving issues. Senior citizens and PwDs can get the pick up and drop facility from their residence to the polling station through the Saksham app, by calling 1950 and calling the District Control Room.

"Though this facility was available in the 2021 Assembly elections, now it has been streamlined to help the needy voters to the maximum extent," the CEO told TNIE. Besides, arrangements have been made to provide free bus passes to senior citizens, Persons with visual and locomotive disabilities and voters with impaired movement in the public transport on Polling Day.

PwDs and pregnant women will be prioritised in the polling station queue. Special arrangements have been made for persons with disabilities.

Each polling station should have at least one ramp and wheelchairs. There will be volunteers to help the PwDs, pregnant women and senior citizens. Besides, the ECI has also rolled out a facility to know the Queue Status of each polling station on Friday.

RESPITE FROM HEAT

Parts of Kothamangalam, Kerala, witness heavy rain after a harsh summer spell, on Thursday evening | TP SOORAJ

Water crisis in coastal K'taka as river dries up

SUBHASH CHANDRA NS @ Karwar

COASTAL towns like Ankola, Karwar and Gokarna are facing severe scarcity of water, and considering the water shortage in the state, Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board has decided to release water once in four days. Locals said that they have to depend on open wells and borewells for water. To make matters worse, the Gangavalli river, which is a source of water in Karwar, Seabird Naval base, Ankola and Gokarna has dried up.

"We have never witnessed such a bad situation in the recent years. We can only hope that the district receives rain soon," said Girish Naik, a resident of Ankola. "Devotees are coming as always, but the waterbodies have dried up. This year's summer seems to be harsher compared to the previous years," said Vinayak, a priest.

Sales of bottled water has also shot up due to severe shortage of drinking water in Gokarna. People are paying hefty amounts for tankers. "Normally, taps dry up in last few weeks of summer, but this time, everything has dried up in April itself. Households, hotels and homestays are paying for the tankers, to meet their daily requirement. There is a quota of water fixed for the water supplied through tankers to homes," said Maniraj Mandala, who operates a homestay.

Executive Engineer of Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board Shivram Naik described this as a never before situation where the entire Gangavalli river dried up.

He also said that Karwar and Ankola together require 9 MLD of water which can be met, by building a barrage at Honnali. According to Naik, the barrage will be constructed in the river bed and will require about 8 acres of private land. The project has been cleared, but is facing public protest against it.

On the eve of the first phase of general elections across the country, additional chief secretary J Radhakrishnan inspects EVM and polling materials in Chennai, on Thursday | MARTIN LOUIS

EXPRESS READ

Labourer from Assam killed in tiger attack

Madikeri: An estate labourer was killed in a tiger attack reported in Kodagu. The incident was reported from Nitturu village limits. Mohisir Rehman (50), a native of Assam, had come to Kodagu with his family, nearly a year ago, and was working as an estate labourer. On Thursday morning, he left to graze the cattle of the private estate owner. When he did not return, the family went looking for him, and were shocked to find his mauled body lying near the bushes in a farmland. He is said to have been attacked by a tiger and was mauled to death. The Forest Department was alerted and the incident spot was visited by Ponnampet RFO Shankar and others. The villagers gathered in large numbers and protested against the department.

Custodial torture: Family moves dist court

ENS @ Villupuram

A week after 44-year-old K Raja died after allegedly being attacked by the Villupuram taluk police, in a case of illegal sale of Tasmac liquor, the family has filed a petition with the district court demanding exhumation and investigation of custodial torture.

According to family members, K Raja, a dalit, went missing on April 9, and was found to be in police custody on April 10. "After we came to know that he is in police custody, my son and I went to see my husband but the police personnel did not allow us to meet him. My husband finally came home around 11.30 am, and collapsed soon after," Raja's wife Anju (42) said.

Human rights activist P V Ramesh, said, "We have filed a petition in the district court seeking investigation into the police atrocity.

EXTREME HEAT HITS MANGO YIELD THIS YR

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

USUALLY, hot and dry weather conditions are ideal for mangoes to grow, ripen and turn sweet. However, this year, the prolonged hot dry spell has had the opposite effect on the yield. This year, the yield is only 30 per cent of the usual.

Officials in the Karnataka State Mango Development and Marketing Corporation Limited (KSMDMCL) told TNIE that the area under mango cultivation in the state is 1.49lakh hectares and the expected yield was 12-15 lakh metric tonnes. However this year's produce is only around five lakh metric tonnes in all varieties of crops.

Sources in the corporation said that the situation is similar across South India, including Maharashtra. Report from North India is awaited.

KSMDMCL Managing Director CG Nagaraju said, "This year the yield has been only 30 per cent of the usual yeild, in all varieties across the state. Earlier, we thought that this will be the on-year (year when crop yield is good). The flowering was good, but delayed. Later, physiological changes were noted due to the weather conditions, which impacted the fruiting drastically."

Traders said that even though Alphanso, Sindura, Raspuri and Kesari have already hit the market, the number of buyers are less. In the fruit thread, nutrition supply has been affected due to hormonal changes, dip in ground water levels and moisture in the air. This has affected the quality and the shelf life of the fruits, impacting the sales. Farmers can still try to improve their crops by undertaking proper irrigation measures, said experts.

Fruits from Ramanagara and North Karnataka are being sold. Yield from Kolar will be available in another fortnight.

Factionalism within CPM may cost Ariff

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Venugopal is from Kasaragod and Sobha from Thrissur. His affable demeanour and ever-smiling face – usually trademarks of Congress leaders – seem to make him endearing to the voters. It is this personal trait, along with the consolidation of votes along community lines, that helped Ariff stay afloat in the UDF wave of 2019. However, factionalism within the CPM may cost him dear. Despite being a party bastion – perhaps, second only to 'red fort' Kannur in terms of political might – the local party unit has for long been riddled with schisms.

While the two leading fronts are engaged in a prestige battle, the BJP is banking on Sobha's charisma to spring a surprise. She is one warhorse who has made a mark wherever she has contested from in the past. In 2019, the BJP garnered about 18% of the votes, thanks to consolidation of Dheevara community votes in favour of the then BJP candidate.

While both UDF and LDF would like to believe that Sobha will not be able to improve the tally, her previous performances in the elections suggest otherwise. She is someone who has created a strong impression and increased the party's vote base in places she was paradropped by the party. And in Alappuzha, too, she has managed to create a buzz, with many now calling it a triangular fight.

However, in the given political scenario, winning Alappuzha appears to be too tall an order for Sobha to pull off. That said, as is the case in many other constituencies, BJP's vote share will certainly have its bearing on the result. Ariff – who has never tasted defeat – is trying his best to repeat the pattern. This election, however, is more about KC. He cannot afford to lose this one for personal as well as political reasons.

Rogue elephant captured near Belur

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@Hassan

THE forest department captured a 35-year-old rouge elephant --Karadi – after an operation that lasted for two hours from a coffee estate near Vatehalli of Belur taluk on Thursday. The elephant had created panic among the villagers in Belur and Sakleshpur taluks. Eight tamed elephants including Abhimanyu, Sugriva, Dhananjaya, Prashanta, Bheema, Harsha, Ashwathama and Mahendra along with veterinarians and members of the elephant task force were involved in the rescue operation. The elephant was transported to an elephant camp. The elephant operation was supervised by chief conservator of forests R Ravishankar under the direction of principal and chief conservator of forests Subash K Malkhade, additional principal and chief conservator of forests Pushkar Kumar and additional principal conservator of forests Manoj.

35-yr-old rouge elephant, Karadi being captured at a coffee estate in Belur taluk on Thursday

TETE-A-TETE

BJP facing resistance even in its strongholds: Pinarayi

ANIL S @ Malappuram

CLAIMING the emergence of a new found resistance against the BJP even in its strongholds, Kerala Chief Minister and senior CPM leader Pinarayi Vijayan has alleged that the Union government is resorting to intimidating and arm-twisting opponents out of desperation.

"Day-by-day, the BJP government seems to be getting more desperate... They are resorting to desperate measures that cross all acceptable limits. The BJP has been facing major setbacks, even in places where they claim to enjoy tremendous support... There's a new found resistance against the BJP that stems from simmering resentment, protests and opposition towards such arbitrary acts. In short, there's an anti-BJP movement cropping up at the national level," he told TNIE in an interview.

Referring to the arrest of Delhi CM Aravind Kejriwal, Pinarayi said, "Now two chief ministers are behind the bars... If these two decide to shift their allegiance to the BJP, they'll be declared innocent overnight. We have seen several such instances. Can anyone recall such blatant abuse of the system and its machinery in the past?"

The CPM Politburo member said the INDIA Bloc is an arrangement to bring together all secular parties who can unite against the BJP. Once the BJP is defeated, based on the prevailing situation, a call on how to take it further ahead will be taken.

Asked whether Rahul Gandhi can be termed as the leader of the INDIA Bloc, Pinarayi said, "I don't think that's correct. As leader of the Congress, Rahul Gandhi is a prominent leader. When it comes to being the leader of India Bloc, that will be decided later."

On the Enforcement Directorate probe against Exalogic, the firm owned by his daughter Veena T, the CM insisted on the legality of all transactions between Exalogic and the CMRL.

HC holiday on April 26

The Karnataka High Court has declared April 26, the day of polling, as a general holiday for its Principal Bench in Bengaluru and May 7 as a general holiday for its benches in Dharwad and Kalaburagi, said K S Bharath Kumar, Registrar General, High Court, in a notification

WILL A MINORITY FROM K'TAKA ENTER LOK SABHA THIS TIME?

Just one candidate, Mansoor Khan, in fray; last minority candidate was elected 20 years ago

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

NO member from the minority community has been elected from Karnataka to the Lok Sabha after the delimination in 2008. In 2009, 2014 and 2019, no minority candidates were elected and the last representative from the community was Iqbal Ahmed Saradgi, who represented Gulbarga in 2004, which was before the delimitation.

Even in the current scenerio in the two main parties – BJP and Congress – just one minority candidate is in the fray from the state. This is the situation even when minorities account for 16% of the state's electorate.

Former MP and former deputy chairman in Rajya Sabha Rehman Khan noted that poor representation of minorities is not the case of Karnataka alone, but is specific to the entire country. "There are about 200 million muslims in the country and the mainline parties have considered so few of them for tickets," he said.

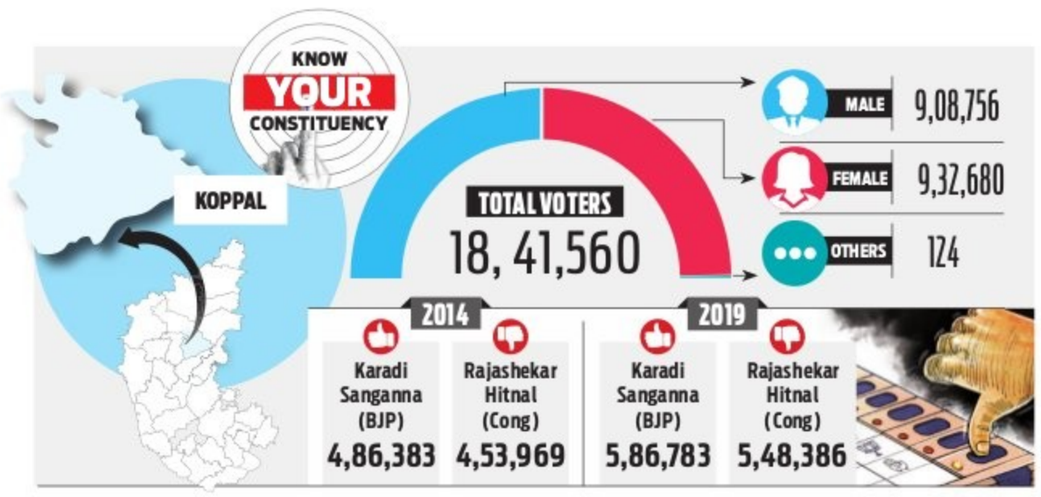
In Karnataka, the lone minority candidate who is contesting this Lok Sabha polls is Mansoor Khan, on a Congress ticket from Bengaluru Central.

"The preamble of the Constitution mentions equality which means socially, politically and economically. Just one minority ticket for a population of 15-16 per cent in the state shows that no one has any real respect for the preamble of the Constitution," Karnataka Minority Commission chairman Abdul

Azeem said, adding that without just and equitable representation, it is difficult to achieve real justice. "Constitutionally, no one should be deprived of representation. In the future, I hope this gap is bridged."

Former VC Prof Muzaffar Asadi said minorities are hesitant to raise the issue with the political apparatus or with the party in power. "It is not as if the community is small in number or negligible in size. Muslims can make or break the outcome in about 30 assembly segments and in about three or four parliamentary seats. It looks like the community leadership lacks vision because they have not been taught about the parliamentary system. It feels like the minority community has been in a way suppressed or silenced given the ghettoisation of the community. It has not been allowing strong leadership to emerge. The absence of civil society is checkmating the possibility of creating democratic space that could have turned into political space."

Jamia Masjid Chief Imam Maulana Imran Rashadi said, "The deprived sections and minorities need to unite and work together to get more political representation."



With sitting BJP MP Karadi in Cong, GOP looks to win Koppal

AMIT S UPADHYE @ Hubballi

IT is a battle of issues in Koppal, one of the backward districts of Karnataka, for the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. For the last three consecutive general elections, the BJP has been winning the seat, and this time the Congress is hoping to change the game.

While the BJP has fielded a new face, Dr Basavaraj Kyavater, the Congress has fielded Rajashekar Hitnal for the second time. A medical doctor, Kyavater is the son of the former ML of Kushtagi, Sharanappa. On the other hand, the Congress is depending on the Hitnal family and has fielded Rajashekar whose brother Raghavendra is the current MLA of Koppal.

The eight Assembly segments in Koppal Lok Sabha constituencies include two segments -- Maski and Sindhanur– from Raichur district and Shiraguppa from Ballari district.

The other segments include Kanakagiri, Gangavati, Kusthagi, Yelburga, and Koppal. While Congress won six segments in the 2023 Assembly polls, the BJP has two MLAs, including Gali Janardhana Reddy, who merged his KRPP with the saffron party recently.

Two-time BJP MP Sanganna Karadi, who was denied a ticket, has now joined hands with

Dr Basavaraj Kyavater

Rajashekar Hitnal

the Congress. While this was being considered an advantage to the Congress, the BJP is expected to gain support after Reddy joined them.

The Congress is making all-out efforts to get back its seat in Koppal while the BJP is confident of winning under Modi wave. But both candidates are expected to showcase the achievements of their respective governments. While the BJP candidate is expected to put forward Prime Minister Narendra Modi to seek votes, the Congress candidate is riding on the five guarantees announced by the Siddaramiah government.

The voting share is mainly divided into two large communities-- Lingayats and Kurubas--who are in equal numbers.

The major issues facing the constituency include water problems for drinking and irrigation, atrocities against Dalits, a lack of tourism infrastructure, and incomplete railway projects.

The voters here have complaints about both parties as the Anjanadri shrine, which is the birthplace of Lord Hanuman, remains neglected. While Anjanadri becomes a poll issue, the parties forget its development after the elections, say voters.

The BJP workers are now demanding the Congress show where the Rs 100 crore sanctioned for Anjanadri during the state budget has gone. Similarly, the Congress is demanding what happened to Rs 135 crore announced for the development of the Anjanadri shrine in the budget presented by former CM Basavaraj Bommai.

For many years, the politicians from this region have been promising several railway projects, but none of them have seen the light of the day. Despite having a BJP MP in 2024 and 2019, hardly any Central projects were implemented here. Sanganna Karadi had openly criticised the Centre for indulging in corruption through the Jal Jeevan Mission programme. His statements had gone viral and had brought embarrassment to the party.

The people of Koppal have been demanding dedicated trains connecting different destinations, but their demands have not been met. Several parts of the constituency reel under water shortage during every summer. It is now in the hands of voters who will decide the fate of candidates on May 7.

Ban on campaigning, exit polls from April 24

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THERE will be a ban on political campaigning and exit polls from April 24, 48 hours prior to the date of voting for the Phase-2 Lok Sabha elections on April 26 in Karnataka, the office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Karnataka, announced on Thursday.

As per the orders, after the closure of the campaign period, all political functionaries and party workers should not remain in constituencies where they are not registered as voters.

The district election administration and police will take all measures to check kalyana mantapas, community halls, lodges and guesthouses where outsiders were accommodated. There will be strict checking at checkposts along constituency borders to track vehicular movement from outside the constituency. ID cards will also be checked, if need be, to ascertain whether an individual is a voters or not of the constituency.

Political circles abuzz as Darshan campaigns for Cong in Mandya

K SHIVA KUMAR @Mysuru

THE political landscape of Mandya has been witnessing a steady stream of celebrity endorsements ahead of the Lok Sabha elections. Now, the spotlight is on popular Kannada actor Darshan whose unexpected campaign for Congress candidate Star Chandru in Alagur, Purigali and Kirigavalu has sent ripples through political circles.

Considering Darshan's association with Mandya's sitting MP Sumalatha Ambareesh and his past engagements against the JDS, his endorsement of the Congress candidate has intrigued political watchers.

Speaking during the campaign, Darshan emphasised on supporting individuals over parties, saying friendship comes first for him. With Darshan's charismatic appeal on his side, Star Chandru's candidacy received a boost as

Actor Darshan and MLA PM Narendra Swamy at a roadshow for Congress candidate Star Chandru in Mandya district on Thursday | EXPRESS

was evident in the enthusiastic reception from fans and party activists during the campaign trail.

Meanwhile, JDS youth unit state president Nikhil Kumaraswamy's spirited defense of his party's integrity amidst Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's assertions added another layer to the political discourse.

"(JDS state president) HD Kumaraswamy's relentless campaigning in Mandya villages, despite the scorching sun, highlighted the stakes involved in the electoral battle. His track record as chief minister, including farm loan waivers and irrigation projects, formed the cornerstone of his appeal to voters, emphasizing continuity and experience in governance," he said.

94.49% turnout in B'luru for VFH, record 97.47% in Dakshina Kannada

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UNDER the 'Vote from Home' initiative, 94.49 per cent voters aged 85 years and above and the persons with disabilities exercised their franchise in Bengaluru South, North and Central constituencies till the end of the six-day polling at 6 am on Thursday.

As per records from the returning officers, out of 6,407 voters — 6.206 senior citizens and 201 specially abled voters — 6,054 exercised their franchise.

While 81 voters who had registered under Form 12 of the Election Commission of India had passed away, 230 were not available when officials reached their homes and were considered absent and 42 of them did not vote despite being present at home.

According to officials, Bengaluru South topped with 95.56 per cent voting (2,411 of 2,523 voted). Bengaluru Central recorded 94.40 per cent voting with 1,720 of 1,822 voting. Bengaluru North reported 93.26 per cent with 1,923 of 2,062 voters exercising their franchise.

In Dakshina Kannada

Mangaluru: Dakshina Kannada recorded a voter turnout of 97.47 per cent under the 'Vote from Home' initiative.

In all, 8,010 senior citizens and persons with disabilities (PwD) had opted for Vote from Home and 7,807 exercised their franchise till Thursday.

The three-day voting from home began on April 15 and ended on April 17. Out of the 6,053 voters in the 85-year category, 5,878 exercised their franchise and of the 1,957 PwDs, 1,929 cast their vote from home.

Of the remaining 202 registered voters, 66 passed away and 136 did not exercise their franchise even after a second visit of the officials.

FACE-OFF

Union Minister of State Shobha Karandlaje, Bangalore North BJP candidate, expresses confidence that she will win with a huge margin as the BJP-JDS votes are clubbed in her favour. Prof MV Rajeev Gowda of Cong, former RS member, claims he will clinch a solid victory. They spoke to Special Correspondent **Devaraj B Hirehalli**

'MODI'S IMAGE, BJP-JDS ALLIANCE WILL HELP ME WIN BIG'

POLLS are coming closer, what are your prospects?

Bangalore North is an old constituency for me as I was Yeshwanthpur MLA and had worked in other assembly constituencies also. There is enthusiasm among BJP workers to make Narendra Modi PM again. BJP's alliance with JDS gave us strength as former PM HD Deve Gowda joined the NDA. His son-in-law Dr CN Manjunath, Bangalore Rural NDA candidate, joining the BJP is a boost. I am confident of a big win with the combined force of BJP-JDS working in tandem.

You faced a 'Go Back' campaign in Udupi-Chikkamagaluru and also in Bangalore North...

Those were a few ticket aspirants who did it to attract media attention. In Bangalore North, some aspirants who had no support of even 10-12 party workers, did it.

MP DV Sadananda Gowda was sulking and one of your MLAs ST Somashekar worked for your opponent. What will be the impact?

Sadananda Gowda took part in all meetings of party workers in the first leg of campaigning. He even convinced the workers. Soon after my candidature was announced, I met him and got his blessings. I don't want to reply with regard to Somashekar, he doesn't deserve it.

The Congress is banking on its guarantees. Your take?

It helped them in the assembly elections because they distributed guarantee cards among voters. We cannot deny that. But the guarantees are not reaching the people. Keeping in view the LS polls, Siddaramaiah is borrowing hugely from outside. There is no guarantee that they will be continued after LS polls.

Your opponent raised the issue that your name was also in the ED list, what is your reaction?

It is just an allegation. I have no case against me as I have done no corruption. The previous UPA government conspired and targeted me by instigating officials who had fixed me as the 24th accused. My fight is in court. He (Rajeev Gowda) unnecessarily raised the issue. If he is so intelligent he should have studied the case.

What's your contribution as Union minister?

I am part of the Modi government's achievements. Farmers are getting lots of benefits. From importing foodgrains we have a surplus after feeding a population of Rs 142 crore. I am planning an international market for our farmers. Karnataka is progressing in food processing with 3-3.5 lakh small food units being started.

Your plan for Bengaluru?

Better infrastructure and transportation to check heavy traffic. There is a drinking water crisis because of the state government's mismanagement, Cauvery 5th Stage has to be implemented.

Whatever states are entitled, they will get as per law. The Finance Commission recommended tax share, and PM Modi has never meted out stepmotherly treatment to any state

Shobha Karandlaje

We will not play that caste card as we think of groups fallen behind economically, and Siddaramaiah is a mass leader of Ahinda, and DK Shivakumar is a Vokkaliga with inclusive approach

Rajeev Gowda

'GOVT, GUARANTEES WILL STEER ME TO A SOLID VICTORY'

AFTER a couple of weeks of campaigning, what is your gut feeling?

We will have a very solid victory. The confidence comes from the kind of election machine in the party, with six powerful leaders, including ministers Byrati Suresh and Krishna Byre Gowda, BJP MLA S T Somashekar putting in all efforts. We will get a spectacular lead in Pulikeshinagar. In Malleswaram, where we are relatively weak, the party workers' enthusiasm I witnessed in roadshows is incredible.

You are pitted against a central minister...

It doesn't make a difference as Shobhakka did not make any impression as a minister. Tell me about her contributions. She had no concern for farmers who were hit by drought. BJP has a habit of bringing people from outside as there is no homegrown talent. This time they were forced to shift her here because there were huge protests against her with 'Go Back' slogans that indicate massive anti-incumbency because of non-delivery. But replacing one person with another (Sadananda Gowda)

with the worst track record means BJP has taken Bangalore North for granted. People will teach them a lesson. Congress selected a 'mannina maga' (son of the soil) like me. I am 'mane maga' here as I have relatives and extended family members. People give me a lot of affection.

Will BJP's internal bickering help you?

Of course, it's a blessing in disguise. The party chose me as a person who can get votes from the other side, the BJP. Yes, I am trying capitalising through standard political activity. Any right-thinking BJP voter who cares for development will vote for me.

The BJP is a well-oiled organisation which is tough to break...

Agree. Real efforts should be done at the booth level. We have to make sure of it.

Will guarantees help you?

We are the party that has given so much empowerment to women, now the AICC manifesto has promised Rs 1 lakh to every woman through the 'Mahalaxmi' scheme. We are giving the guarantees because of the failure of the BJP government at the Centre to check price rise and unemployment. It's interesting that my opponent is a woman and the vast majority of women will vote for me rather than her.

You accused Shobha Karandlaje of being involved in an ED case?

ED has a case against her and I laid the fact before the people as it was mentioned in her affidavit.

What are your promises for Bengaluru?

Better transportation to check traffic, drinking water, education and health. We should bring in a new paradigm to nurture the growth of the city in a sustainable and inclusive manner.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND

CANDIDATES WITH CRIMINAL CASES: 250 (21%)

CANDIDATES WITH SERIOUS CRIMINAL CASES: 167 (14%)

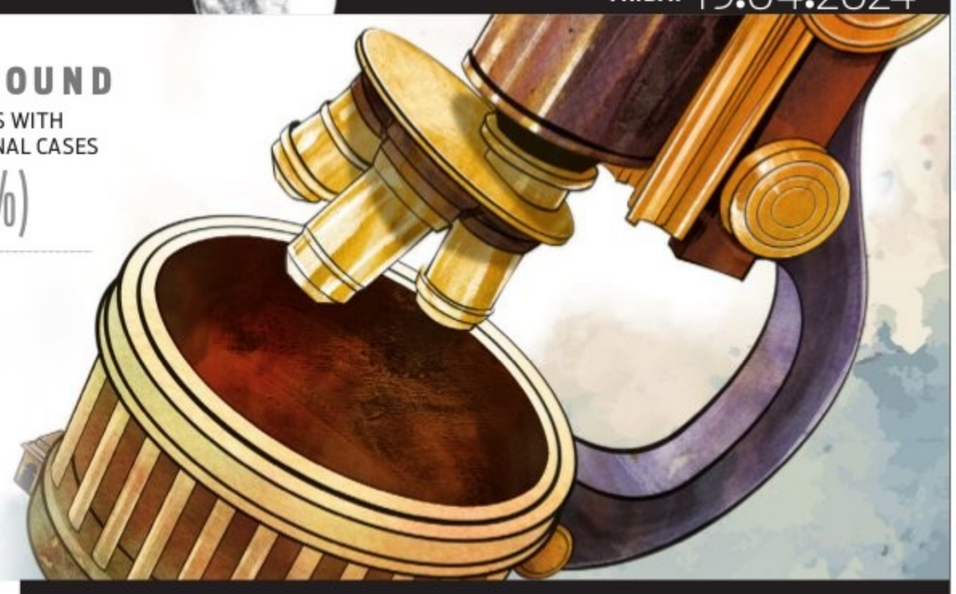
TOP 3
CANDIDATES WITH MAXIMUM DECLARED CRIMINAL CASES

1 **K SURENDRAN**
Wayanad (Kerala)
BJP
TOTAL CASES: **243**
SERIOUS IPC: **139**

2 **KS RADHAKRISHNAN**
Ernakulam (Kerala)
BJP
TOTAL CASES: **211**
SERIOUS IPC: **5**

3 **DEAN KURIAKOSE**
Idukki (Kerala)
Congress
TOTAL CASES: **88**
SERIOUS IPC: **2**

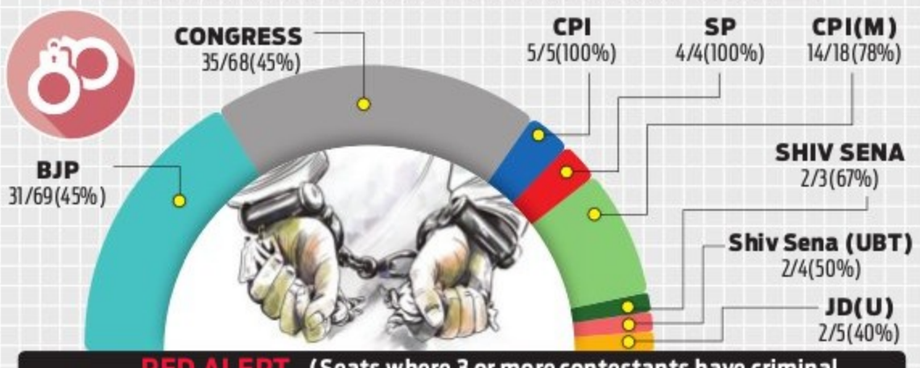
CRIME DATA
- Candidates with declared convicted cases: 32
- Candidates with cases related to murder: 3 (IPC section -302)
- Candidates with cases related to attempt to murder: 24 (IPC section 307)
- Candidates with cases related to crime against women: 25, (one candidate has declared cases related to rape - IPC section 376)
- Candidates with cases related to hate speech: 21



CRIME, POLITICS AND CROREPATIS

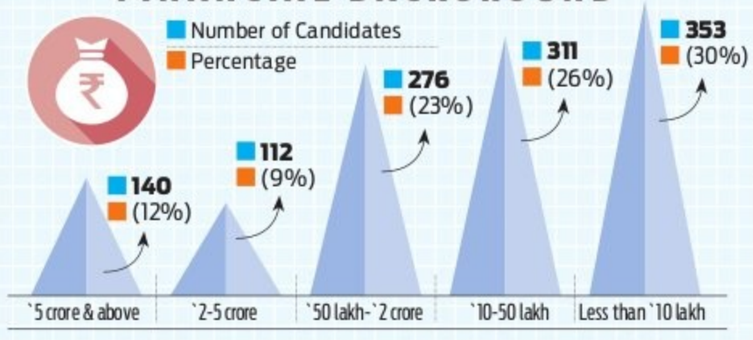
The Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) and National Election Watch have analysed the self-sworn affidavits of 1,192 out of 1,198 candidates contesting the Lok Sabha elections on phase II on April 26

PARTY-WISE CANDIDATES WITH CRIMINAL CASES

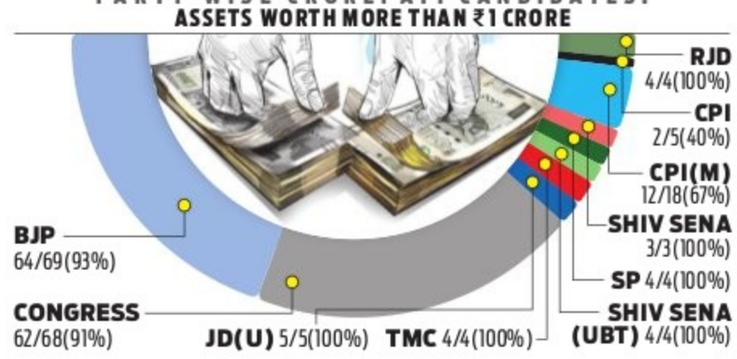


RED ALERT CONSTITUENCIES (Seats where 3 or more contestants have criminal cases against them) **45 (52%) OUT OF 87 SEATS**

FINANCIAL BACKGROUND



PARTY-WISE CROREPATI CANDIDATES: ASSETS WORTH MORE THAN ₹1 CRORE

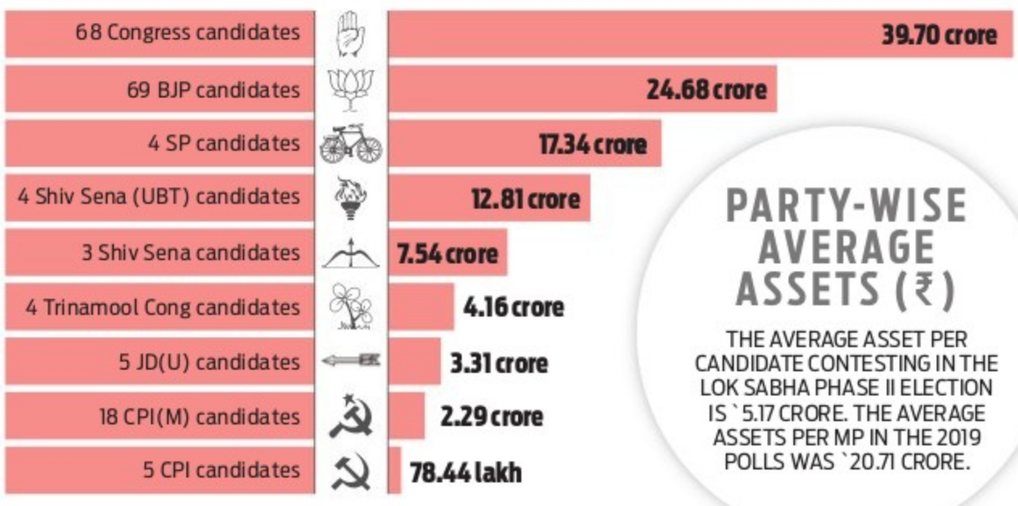


TOP 3 CANDIDATES WITH HIGHEST DECLARED ASSETS

VENKATARAMANE GOWDA (STAR CHANDRU)
Mandya (Karnataka)
Congress
OVER: ₹622 CRORE

DK SURESH
Bangalore Rural (Karnataka)
Congress
OVER: ₹593 CRORE

HEMA MALINI
Mathura (Uttar Pradesh)
BJP
OVER: ₹278 CRORE


68 Congress candidates 39.70 crore
69 BJP candidates 24.68 crore
4 SP candidates 17.34 crore
4 Shiv Sena (UBT) candidates 12.81 crore
3 Shiv Sena candidates 7.54 crore
4 Trinamool Cong candidates 4.16 crore
5 JD(U) candidates 3.31 crore
18 CPI(M) candidates 2.29 crore
5 CPI candidates 78.44 lakh

PARTY-WISE AVERAGE ASSETS (₹)

THE AVERAGE ASSET PER CANDIDATE CONTESTING IN THE LOK SABHA PHASE II ELECTION IS `5.17 CRORE. THE AVERAGE ASSETS PER MP IN THE 2019 POLLS WAS `20.71 CRORE.

ODDBALLS

Tejasvi Surya, BJP MP from Bangalore South seat, had declared assets worth `13 lakh during 2019 Lok Sabha elections. His movable assets were `13.46 lakh and no immovable asset was declared. Interestingly, the 33-year-old's assets grew 30.47 times in 2024 to `4.10 crore.

High-profile Union minister Rajeev Chandra-sekhar has declared assets worth `86.3 crore (`71.9 crore movable and `14.4 crore immovable) in his affidavit filed for 2024 polls. He has also declared liabilities of `21 crore. Interestingly, over the last five financial years, the MP has declared taxable incomes of `10.8 crore in 2018-19, `4.5 crore in 2019-20, `17.5 lakh in 2020-21, `680 in 2021-22, and `5.59 lakh in 2022-23.

GANDHINAGAR

Shah slams Oppn, says probe agencies doing their duties

Home Minister Amit Shah waves at BJP supporters during a roadshow ahead of Lok Sabha elections in Kalol of Gujarat's Gandhinagar district on Thursday | PTI

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday expressed confidence that BJP will win all 26 LS seats in Gujarat.

"Be it the East, West, North or South, the atmosphere in the country suggests that we will get more than 400 seats. BJP's performance in south India will be the best-ever this time In Gujarat, we will win 26 of 26 seats, with a larger lead than in the previous election," Shah said at a rally in Gandhinagar.

Addressing concerns over Kshatriya community's resentment in Gujarat, Shah said, "Rupalaji sincerely apologised." Kshatriyas have been protesting against Union minister Parshottam Rupala, contesting from the Rajkot seat, after a video clip of his remarks went viral in the last week of March. The protesters demanded that the BJP cancel the ticket to Rupala to contest from Rajkot. "The BJP is poised for victory in states like Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, West Bengal, and Uttar Pradesh. Our tally in Uttar Pradesh will be the highest ever," he said.

Reflecting on his political career, Shah emphasized his long-standing connection with many states. "I was the election in-charge for Atalji and Advaniji," he said. Referring to Gandhinagar, he said, "This area has given me everything I've got."

Ahead of the roadshow in Sanand, Shah in a post on X said, "Today I will appeal to my brothers and sisters of Gandhinagar Lok Sabha constituency to make BJP victorious and give their blessings to Modi ji so that he becomes Prime Minister once again to make the country No. 1 in every sector and to make Gandhinagar one of the most developed Lok Sabha seats in the country."

He added, "Our lead will increase in every seat, signaling a significant rise in support."

Reacting to Opposition outcry over the investigation agencies, Shah said, "The probe agencies perform their duties diligently. If anyone has any issues with them, they should address them in courts."

The veteran BJP leader, vying for re-election from the Gandhinagar seat for a second term, is scheduled to file his nomination papers on Friday, according to Gujarat party spokesperson Yagnesh Dave.

Shah had won from Gandhinagar by more than five lakh votes in the 2019 elections.

He conducted three roadshows in the Gandhinagar Lok Sabha constituency on Thursday, followed by an evening rally in the Vejalpur area of Ahmedabad.

'Vijay Muhurat' for state party president

Gujarat BJP president CR Paatil faced a delay in filing his nomination for the Navsari seat at an auspicious time on Thursday due to an overwhelming turnout of supporters at his morning roadshow. Consequently, the MP will file his nomination at the auspicious 'Vijay Muhurat' of 12.39 pm on Friday.

ELECTION2024

ENPO imposes 'indefinite shutdown' in eastern Nagaland

Hours before the Lok Sabha elections are due to begin in Nagaland, the Eastern Nagaland Peoples' Organisation (ENPO), which has asked people not to vote in the polls to press for its demand for a separate state, imposed indefinite total shutdown in the eastern part of the state from 6 pm on Thursday. ENPO is the apex body of seven tribal organisations.

Relocated villagers to cast vote in Buxa tiger reserve one last time

Residents of two hamlets inside West Bengal's Buxa Tiger Reserve are set to vote for one last time on Friday before the polling stations in the area get dismantled. They were relocated to Bijaypur Basti, near Bhatpara Tea Estate, in a village called Banchaya, named by CM Mamata Banerjee. Despite relocation, the polling booths remained inside the reserve.

Arunachal police trek three days to remote polling stations

In a bid to uphold the EC's commitment to leave no voter behind, Arunachal Pradesh's Siang district administration has set up Very High Frequency and High Frequency stations in two remote polling booths in Gasseng and Gate villages to facilitate real-time communication through walkie-talkies.

TETE-A-TETE

Must ensure INDIA bloc votes are not split in Maha: Chavan

Former Maharashtra CM **Prithviraj Chavan** is the Congress campaign committee chairman for Lok sabha elections in the state. In an interview with **Sudhir Surywanshi**, Chavan says if BJP gets below 250 Lok Sabha seats, there would be a question mark over Modi becoming the PM a third time. He says, the Maha Vikas Aghadi of Shiv Sena (UBT), Congress and NCP (Pawar) will win more seats than the ruling BJP-led Mahayuti. **Excerpts:**

What's the Congress agenda in the Lok Sabha elections?
We have prepared an excellent manifesto and we are telling the people that these are not fake promises like Narendra Modi crediting Rs 15 lakh to each person's account. Our promises are easily implementable. We have already delivered on the five guarantees in Karnataka and Telangana.

Do you think there will be an adverse reaction to so many people joining the BJP?
Yes, absolutely. The people of Maharashtra are honest and ethical. Some MLAs have switched sides, but voters haven't taken it kindly. After the Shiv Sena and NCP break-up, there is a lot of sympathy for Uddhav Thackeray and Sharad Pawar.

Will national or local issues dominate Lok sabha elections?
In this election, there is no national issue. The Ayodhya temple is built by a private trust by donation, so what has Modi got to do with it? The INDIA bloc should ensure that its votes are not split in the face of BJP attempts.

Why is the MVA still embroiled in a row over the Sangali seat?
There are 48 Lok Sabha seats in Maharashtra, the second largest seats after UP. We have achieved a breakthrough on 45 seats. The problem is only on three seats, including Sangali. We are still trying to resolve things.

How many seats will the MVA win?
It's too early to talk about it. But I can tell you that MVA will get more seats than the Mahayuti.

BAHUS VS SASUR

Chautala clan clash set to spice up Hisar turf

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

IT is a fight between the Chautala clan in Hisar, with "bahus" versus "sasur" in the Hisar Lok Sabha seat in the upcoming elections. The cousin sisters-in-law are pitted against each other and against their cousin father-in-law. On Thursday, the Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) declared Sunaina Chautala, wife of Ravi Chautala and granddaughter of former Deputy Prime Minister Devi Lal, as the party's candidate from the Hisar Lok Sabha seat. She is all set to take on Jannayak Janta Party (JJP) candidate Naina Singh Chautala, a two-time MLA and mother of former Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala, and Ranjit Chautala of the BJP. Thus, a family feud is set to unfold openly in the electoral scene in Hisar.

The Indian National Lok Dal on Thursday declared three candidates for the Lok Sabha elections: senior party leader Abhay Singh Chautala from Kurukshetra, Sunaina Chautala from Hisar, and Gurpreet Singh from the Ambala (reserved) seat.

Sunaina, who is the general secretary of the women's wing of the Indian National Lok Dal (INLD), was announced as the party's candidate from the Hisar Lok Sabha seat. Her husband, Ravi Chautala, is the cousin brother of INLD MLA Abhay Singh Chautala from the Ellenabad assembly seat and was also active in politics some time ago. Ravi Chautala is the son of Devi Lal's eldest son, Pratap Chautala. Meanwhile, Naina Singh Chautala, a two-time MLA from the Badhra assembly segment and wife of Jannayak Janta Party (JJP) supremo, as well as mother of Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala, who is the grandson of former Chief Minister Om Prakash Chautala, is the JJP candidate. Abhay and Ajay are real brothers.

Naina is the daughter-in-law of former Chief Minister Om Parkash Chautala, and Ranjit Chautala is the brother of former CM Chautala, while Sunaina is the "bhabhi" of Naina. Naina is credited with holding statewide 'hari chunari chaupals' to create political awareness among women.

Both ladies are pitted against the BJP nominee, 78-year-old Ranjit Singh Chautala, who was an Independent MLA and cabinet minister in both the Khattar and Saini cabinets and joined the BJP last month after resigning as an MLA.

Hisar Lok Sabha constituency is one of the 10 Lok Sabha (parliamentary) constituencies in Haryana. The total number of voters at the Hisar parliamentary seat is approximately 1,631,817, as per the 2019 Lok Sabha poll statistics. Voter turnout at the Hisar parliamentary seat in the 2019 Lok Sabha Election was 72.43%.

In the 2019 polls, Brijendra Singh of the BJP emerged victorious in the Hisar constituency of Haryana, securing 603,289 votes. His closest competitor, Dushyant Chautala of the JNJP, received 289,221 votes. The total number of votes cast in Hisar was 1,181,878.

QUOTE CORNER

I have an ideological difference with the BJP and RSS. No matter what they do, I fight them every day. I get up every day and think to myself, how am I gonna disturb them today? But there is a cost to this. Their media channels abuse me 24 hours a day. My image is distorted across the country
Rahul Gandhi, Congress leader

BJP has made Eknath Shinde's situation similar to that of Abhimanyu and laid a chakravyuh for him, to finish off Sena. BJP says surveys were negative (on seats where Sena had to compromise). It is because of BJP's pressure, we have not yet been able to declare our candidate from Aurangabad seat
Suresh Navale, Shiv Sena leader leader and former Maharashtra minister

EDITORIAL

No one can be a true nationalist who is incapable of feeling ashamed if his state commits crimes, including those against his fellow citizens

Benedict Anderson

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— Ramnath Goenka

PARTIES SHOULD OFFER LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS, NOT JUST HANDOUTS

THE two largest national parties—the BJP and the Congress—have recognised unemployment and rising prices as important issues for the 2024 elections. Their promises focus largely on providing relief to the people on these two counts through welfarism. But while doing so, they have failed to present structural solutions for the longer term. The BJP is silent on farm distress and labour issues, while the Congress does not present a plan to mitigate the impact of its giveaways on economic growth. Both parties have offered what has been termed by some experts as "charity" to help the weaker sections tide over inflation and joblessness.

The BJP's 67-page manifesto does not mention the term 'unemployment', but offers a series of steps to temporarily help the poor and the jobless. It has promised to continue the free ration scheme—launched in 2020 to feed more than 80 crore people—for another five years. The Union government has also been providing direct financial assistance of ₹6,000 a year to small and marginal farmers; the BJP has promised to continue this scheme. The party is, however, silent on the farmers' demand for the implementation of the Swaminathan Commission report and a legal guarantee for minimum support prices.

The Congress manifesto, on the other hand, plays up the issue of unemployment by highlighting how its government between 2004 and 2014 generated rural employment by bringing in the national job guarantee programme or MGNREGA. It has promised an urban version of the law that would guarantee one-year apprenticeships to graduates and diploma holders, with an assured payment of ₹1 lakh for a year. It has also promised to fill the 30 lakh vacancies in central government departments. The party has assured a direct transfer of ₹1 lakh to a woman in every poor household. On the farm front, the Congress promises implementation of the Swaminathan Commission report and legal guarantee for minimum support price, one of the two demands that led to the 16-month-long agitation by farmers.

These promises by the two leading political parties underline some of the toughest problems faced by a vast majority of the people in the country. However, the solutions offered by them show a lack of fiscal prudence and reliance on the so-called *revdi* or handout culture. It's time political parties started fighting elections on growth-oriented, financially-prudent policies that help the country achieve its long-term goals.

CHANCE TO BE KINDER TO ELEPHANTS AT POORAM

IT'S that time of the year in Kerala when animal welfare activists lock tusks with 'elephant lovers'. It's time for Thrissur Pooram, the largest temple festival in the state marked by colourful fireworks and the parading of caparisoned elephants. As many as 100 captive elephants take part and people from all over the state flock to Thrissur to witness this magnificent event that lasts 36 hours. Animal welfare activists have been up in arms against the parading of the elephants as the jumbos are subjected to severe torture while they stand for hours in chains in the heat and face deafening fireworks. But traditionalists, who vouch for their love for elephants, have been opposing any regulation in the name of customs.

However, there could be some change this time as the Kerala High Court has picked the issue as a *suo motu* case and decided to intervene. Taking note of the extreme heat conditions in the state, the court has directed that the *theevetti* (pole-mounted fire) be placed at least 6 metres away from the elephants and that only a few persons be authorised by the organisers to enter the 6-metre radius. The court has told the organisers—the Paramekkavu and Thiruvambady devaswoms—to share with the forest department the details of the volunteers engaged with the elephant squads; it has also banned use of 'capture belts' or any other equipment that causes hurt to the animals. The court has asked the organisers to ensure that the elephants are under no fatigue and are not exposed to the sun for long, and are properly fed and watered. The order also asks that the issuance of fitness certificates for the captive elephants be made mandatory before participating at the Pooram.

The high court directive, for a change, has been welcomed by the Elephant Owners' Association, which had protested against a more stringent order issued by the state forest department banning percussion and fireworks within a 50-metre radius of the elephants. The state government and the organisers should see to it that the Pooram is celebrated without hurting the helpless pachyderms. No torture can be tolerated in the name of tradition. Those concerned must understand that traditions survive when they attune themselves with the changing times.

QUICK TAKE

MANGO SATYAGRAHA

A counsel for the Enforcement Directorate has told the special court hearing the Arvind Kejriwal case that the jailed Delhi chief minister has been intentionally having more mangoes to raise his sugar level. The counsel alleged this was to create a condition for seeking bail. Kejriwal's counsel retorted the CM's diet was fixed by his doctor and asked, "Is the ED above the doctor?" Let the Aam Aadmi leader have his *aam* or mango while the season lasts. Meanwhile, other authorities are focusing on the right sugar question: whether the world's biggest packaged food company is adding too much sugar in its baby food brand in India.

The state's 48 Lok Sabha seats face a highly fragmented polity. Understanding how the cards stack up would require looking at social faultlines in the sub-regions

THE MANY ANGLES IN MAHARASHTRA'S POLL GEOMETRY

PRAKASH PAWAR

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MAHARASHTRA is seeing a straight and hard fight between the two national alliances, NDA and INDIA. The NDA is contesting through four parties in the state—the BJP, Shinde Shiv Sena, Ajit Pawar NCP (AP-NCP) and Rashtriya Samaj Paksha—and INDIA is represented by three parties—the Congress, Uddhav Thackeray Shiv Sena (UT-SS) and Sharad Pawar NCP. The alliances are appealing to different sections of Maharashtrian society.

The BJP has given Eknath Shinde and Ajit Pawar—NDA's two Maratha faces—the responsibility of attracting the community towards the bloc. The Rashtriya Samaj Paksha, with pockets of support in Marathwada, north Maharashtra and west Maharashtra, is mobilising the Dhangar (herder) community. The BJP, for itself, has focused on the OBCs. On the ground, there is palpable discontent against the Narendra Modi government on economic issues; at the same time, people express satisfaction with Modi's leadership.

The state's political axes are aligned along community lines—upper castes versus Marathas, Marathas versus OBCs, and upper castes versus SCs. Each division has a different social base. This makes the sub-regional contexts fascinating.

Vidarbha

The Vidarbha division is socially distinct from the others because its base is made of OBCs. The main contest here is between the Congress and the BJP. East Vidarbha has six Lok Sabha seats; two of the six are reserved—Ramtek for SC candidates and Gadchiroli-Chimur for scheduled tribes. The other constituencies feature OBC candidates from one side or the other—Vilas Thackeray in Nagpur, Ramdas Tadas in Wardha, Amar Kale also in Wardha, Sudhir Mungantiwar in Chandrapur and Pratibha Dhanurkar in Chandrapur. Modi has aggressively campaigned on OBC issues in East Vidarbha and his party has fielded Tadas and Mungantiwar.

Among the four seats in western Vidarbha, Amravati is reserved for SCs. There is a triangular fight between the BJP, Congress and Prahar Janshakti Party (PJP). Voters upset with incumbent MP Navneet Kaur Rana are turning to the PJP instead of the Congress. The Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi (VBA) is contesting in Akola, Buldhana and Yavatmal, where it is contesting with OBC candidates against Maratha or Kunbi ones. The division of anti-BJP votes in these seats is going to be between the VBA and INDIA parties. UT-SS has some social support in this division, too.

SOURAV ROY

North Maharashtra

Of the eight constituencies here, three are reserved—Nandurbar, Dindori and Shirdi—where the contest is a straight one between NDA and INDIA. In Dhule, Jalgaon and Ahmednagar, it's Marathas versus Marathas. Raver has an OBC vs Maratha contest. The Left parties have substantial influence in this division, too. The region's farmers, who mostly grow onions, bananas and grapes, are dissatisfied with the BJP.

There is a conflict brewing between the NDA's Maratha candidates in the region—Subhash Bhamre, Smita Wagh and Sujay Vikhe Patil—and its OBC leadership of Eknath Khadse and Chhagan Bhujbal.

Mumbai and Konkan

There are 11 Lok Sabha constituencies in the Konkan division, including Mumbai and half of the Maval constituencies. Mumbai's multicultural and urban polity is divided into three layers. Mumbai city's two constituencies have large non-Marathi populations and pose one of the biggest challenged to UT-SS. Of the four constituencies in Thane district, Eknath Shinde's backyard, is reserved for SCs; Shinde's son Shrikant is contesting from Kalyan. Here, local castes such as Agri, Koli and Bhoi are taking the initiative in mobilisation. Suresh Mhatre (Agri) versus Kapil Patil (Agri) is a contest between Sharad Pawar NCP and BJP. All candidates here have not yet been announced for the four constituencies in Mumbai Suburban.

In Raigad, there is an OBC vs OBC competition between AP-NCP and UT-SS. In Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg in South Konkan, where OBC voters are in substantial numbers, it's mainly a Maratha vs Maratha contest between Narayan Rane of BJP and Vinayak Raut of UT-SS. Shiv Sena had influence here, but the cadre is now divided with the party split.

Western Maharashtra

The BJP is contesting five of the 10 constituencies here. Of this, Pune is urban and the others semi-urban and semi-rural in nature. BJP's Pune candidate is a Maratha and the Congress's belongs to an OBC group. The image being portrayed here is that the Congress has fielded a poor candidate, whereas the BJP candidate is from the upper classes, which happens to be the party's base here.

The social structure in Solapur, Sangli and Hatkanangle is multi-caste and multi-religious, including Lingayats and Buddhists. The BJP's base here is the business class, whereas INDIA's base is the peasantry, with sugarcane prices a big issue. Activists have shifted to the BJP after splitting from Raju Shetty, a former MP from Hatkanangle and president of Swabhimani Paksha who didn't join either bloc.

Kolhapur, Satara, Madha, Baramati, Maval and Shirur are mainly supported by Marathas and OBCs. Shirur has a Maratha vs Mali contest. Supriya Sule from Baramati has a claim to her father's Maratha heritage and her father-in-law's Chandraseniya Prabhu heritage. The other constituencies face Maratha vs Maratha contests. Sharad's party has been built anew here and the Marathas who joined NDA—including Vijaysinh Mohite Patil and Nilesh Lanke—are turning to NCP again.

Marathwada

In the division's eight constituencies, there is conflict within castes and groups. So the NDA vs INDIA fight is socially playing out as Maratha vs Maratha and Maratha vs OBC. It's the former in Jalna, Nanded, Osmanabad and Hingoli, and the latter in Beed and Parbhani. Muslim voters— who tend to favour UT-SS, Congress and Sharad Pawar NCP—will have an impressive say in entire Marathwada. VBA has also fielded candidates from this community.

In sum, the NDA may well corner substantial support in all the divisions while bleeding Maratha votes and gaining OBC ones. The UT-SS's social base is expanding in Marathwada and western Maharashtra. Sharad Pawar's NCP is getting most of its support in western Maharashtra, and the Congress in Vidarbha and Marathwada. Let the voting begin.

(Views are personal)

OPENING THE WRONG GATES TO PhD ASPIRANTS

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THE University Grants Commission's (UGC) recent notice on using National Eligibility Test (NET) scores for PhD admissions has stirred a hornet's nest. A section of academicians and students are up in arms, resisting the move as they feel it is regressive. They contend that centralised tests, while serving no useful purpose, are counterproductive and rob academia of academic and administrative freedom.

Traditionally, the NET, held biannually in June and December, has been primarily considered for awarding Junior Research Fellowships (JRF) and as an eligibility criterion for appointment as assistant professors for candidates holding post-graduate degrees. Under the new directive, successful NET candidates will be categorised into three groups. Category one includes individuals eligible for PhD admission with JRF and assistant professor appointments. Candidates in category two are eligible for assistant professor appointments and PhD admission without JRF. The third category is those eligible just for PhD admission.

The UGC's rationale behind this policy shift is two-fold. Firstly, it aims to streamline the admission process, sparing students the burden of undertaking multiple examinations for PhD programmes. Secondly, the move aligns with the objectives stated in the National Education Policy 2020, which advocates implementing a single test for PhD admissions. Effective from academic year 2024-25, the UGC has mandated all higher educational institutions (HEIs) to adhere to these guidelines.

To assess the ramifications of such a decision, it is imperative to examine the test under consideration. The NET comprises two papers: the first assesses candidates' teaching and research aptitude, while the second evaluates their subject knowledge. However, those familiar with the test would likely concur that its reliance on objective-type questions with no negative marking tends to prioritise memorisation over deep understanding and application of knowledge. Questions predominantly focus on factual recall, emphasising who, when and where, over why and how. For instance, in the literature paper, the significance of the line, "Something is rotten in the state of Denmark," from Shakespeare's *Hamlet* is trivialised by merely asking students to identify the speaker. Many questions require students to recall authors' names, works and characters. This methodology primarily assesses lower-order cognitive abilities like remembering while neglecting higher-order critical thinking skills, such as analysing, evaluating and creating.

Previously, the test included a descriptive paper that offered valuable insights into students' writing and critical thinking capabilities. However, this component has been discontinued, diminishing the test's capacity to measure research aptitude and skills. Consequently, the current structure of the NET, combined with the widespread presence of coaching centres nationwide, merely encourages circumvention through repetitive practice.

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> The NET's testing criteria do not cover all that's needed in a PhD candidate. They primarily assess lower-order cognitive abilities like memory, while neglecting crucial higher-order critical thinking skills such as analysis and evaluation

At this point, asking what pursuing a PhD entails is essential. Cultivating effective communication skills is paramount for those aiming for a doctoral degree. Despite its challenges, academic writing forms the bedrock for crafting a cohesive thesis. Furthermore, PhD scholars must generate original research and publish their findings in peer-reviewed and Scopus-indexed journals. They must also present papers at conferences that demand written and verbal communication skills.

Academics widely concur that a successful research journey depends on robust analytical skills, whether applied to quantitative or qualitative studies. Without these competencies, scholars are likely to face numerous obstacles along the way. They must possess patience, resilience, and perseverance to navigate this endeavour successfully. They must maintain an unwavering passion for their subject, self-motivation, independence, receptivity to new ideas, and a willingness to learn.

Regrettably, the NET falls short in assessing or nurturing these skills. The contention that these skills could be assessed during the interview lacks substance, particularly considering the minimal weightage (30 percent) and limited time allotted. Consequently, universities may admit scholars skilled in rote learning but lacking essential competencies. PhD aspirants will be compelled to undergo a ritualistic examination that adds little to their development. Additionally, the one-year validity for scores among category two and three students may cause mental and financial strain, prompting repeated test-taking and benefiting only coaching centres.

With the implementation of the new rule, the UGC seeks to centralise control over the operations and procedures of HEIs under a unified framework. Introducing the Common University Entrance Exam earlier was one such initiative. Now, by adding a centralised examination for PhD aspirants, the UGC has advanced this approach further. One can't help but ponder what lies ahead for India's HEIs.

Clearly, the intention to promote uniformity in higher education is not progressive. While the UGC has traditionally served as a regulatory body, its increasing involvement in directing all aspects of functioning could prove detrimental to Indian HEIs that already face mediocrity accusations. Moreover, such a move poses a significant risk of compromising the autonomy of HEIs. I have often heard and read in public forums UGC officials extol the importance of independence for HEIs. However, initiatives like this could only be perceived as a blatant infringement upon the autonomy of institutions that are already grappling with restricted freedom.

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Media legend

Ramnath Goenka's untiring and bold steps towards bringing out the truth is always worth telling the youth about. He was friends with not just politicians and high-ranking people, but the public of all levels just for his approach towards projecting the reality of problems faced by society. He is considered one of the hundred most influential people who shaped India.

Indra Getzy David, Tirunelveli

Electric future

Ref: *Tesla is coming, but buyers deserve a wider choice* (Apr 18). Tesla is an appropriate partner for India to execute its China + 1 policy. This might open a wider gateway for Indian exports of EVs. Both Tesla and India need each other to increase global footprints. It is crucial for India to nurture the partnership to reach greater heights.

Rajarao Kumar, Bengaluru

Battery sufficiency

India's new EV import policy is the reason for Tesla coming to the nation. Indian battery manufacturers should concentrate on improving their products so they can compete in the EV sector. This way, we can soon become autonomous in this field as well.

Ravi Nair, Palakkad

Vote security

As one reader mentioned in their letter, online voting can save a lot of money for the government and make life easier for citizens. However, it has many problems. The secrecy of voting becomes vulnerable. Despite the EC's efforts to conduct free and fair elections with EVMs, contestants resort to influencing voters with temptations, intimidation and blackmail. Online voting could make it easier to steal votes through fraudulent methods.

N Sadhasiva Reddy, Bengaluru

Kerala fronts

The UDF in Kerala, particularly the Congress, alleges that the CPM has a tacit understanding with the BJP, while CPM says the same about the UDF. It is an open secret that both UDF and LDF are helping each other by allying with INDIA. They are conveniently hiding this fact and fooling the common man.

Kannoth Gopalakrishnan, email

RIP Jayan

The sad demise of musician K G Jayan was indeed a colossal loss to connoisseurs of classical Carnatic music. To him, devotional melodies were nothing but a 'pathway to god'. Aldous Huxley has said, "After silence, that which comes nearest to expressing the inexpressible is music." No doubt Jayan exemplified this truth in his musical journey.

Kelath Gopakumar Menon, Thrissur

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BrahMos makes Philippines debut

IAF ferries 3 batteries of supersonic missile to island nation following ` 2,700 crore deal in '22

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

THE Philippines is slated to receive the first batch of BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles on Friday, marking the culmination of India's first major defence export deal.

Sources said the operation to transfer the heavy equipment is being led by the Indian Air Force, with significant support coming from civilian aircraft agencies.

"The long-haul flight carrying the heavy loads will be a non-stop six-hour journey before the equipment reaches the western parts of the Philippines," said a source.

India announced a deal with the Philippines in January 2022 for the supply of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile, making it the country's first major defence export order. The notice had originally been signed on December 31, 2021.

As reported earlier by this newspaper, the Philippines Department of National Defence issued the 'Notice of Award' to India's BrahMos Aerospace Pvt Ltd, approving a $374.96 million (₹2,700 crore) contract for the purchase of a shore-based anti-ship missile system from India. As per the initial deal, the Philippines will get three missile batteries with a range of 290 km and a speed of 2.8 mach (thrice the speed of sound). The deal also encompassed training of operators and the integrated logistics support package.

In February 2023, the operator training for the missile system was successfully conducted for 21 personnel of the Philippine Navy.

As per the Philippines Marine Corps, the trainees were awarded their interim missile badges and pins by the Indian Navy's Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral R Hari Kumar, in a valedictory ceremony of the Shore-Based Anti-Ship Missile System (SBASMS).

The training, which lasted from January '23 to February 11 focused on the operations and maintenance of some of the most important logistics packages of the SBASMS that will be delivered to the Philippines.

India has been in talks with Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand, and a few other nations that have shown interest in the system. The BrahMos can be launched from submarines, ships, aircraft or land. Sources said the missile -- a collaboration between India and Russia — is currently undergoing a process where 83% of its components are being indigenised. The name BrahMos is a portmanteau formed from the names of two rivers, the Brahmaputra of India and the Moskva of Russia. The land-launched and ship-launched versions are already in service.

MISSILE RANGE EXTENDED

JANUARY 11, 2022
India test-fired the extended-range sea-to-sea variant of BrahMos

LAUNCH SHIP From newly commissioned INS Visakhapatnam

EXTENDED RANGE UP TO 450 KM

SPEED 2.8 Mach (thrice the speed of sound)

NO CAP India became a full member of the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) in 2016, facilitating longer missile range

Country's first major defence export order

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Indigenous cruise missile with longer range test-fired

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

INDIA on Thursday successfully flight-tested the Indigenous Technology Cruise Missile (ITCM) from the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur off the coast of Odisha, the DRDO said. During the test, all subsystems performed as per expectation.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh congratulated DRDO for the successful test flight of the ITCM. He said the successful development of the indigenous long-range subsonic cruise missile powered by indigenous propulsion is a major milestone for Indian defence R&D.

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) said the performance of the missile was monitored by several range sensors such as radar, electro optical tracking system and telemetry deployed by the Integrated Test Range at various locations to ensure complete coverage of the flight path.

The missile's flight was also monitored from the Su-30-Mk-I aircraft of the Indian Air Force, they said. "The missile followed the desired path using waypoint navigation and demonstrated very low altitude sea-skimming flight. This successful flight test has also established the reliable performance of the indigenous propulsion system developed by Gas Turbine Research Establishment (GTRE), Bengaluru," the DRDO said.

The missile is developed by Bengaluru-based DRDO laboratory Aeronautical Development Establishment along with contributions from other laboratories and Indian industries, it said. The test was witnessed by many senior scientists from various DRDO laboratories along with the representatives from the production partner.

Nirbhay is India's first indigenous cruise missile. With its cylindrical fuselage, it is similar in appearance to the US Tomahawk and Russian Club SS-N-27 missiles. Nirbhay equips a land-based mobile launcher but reports suggest potential deployment on submarines as well.

Indigenous Technology cruise missile successfully tested by DRDO | PTI

Lone woman cadet from Kerala stuck on Iran-seized vessel returns to India

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

ANN Tessa Joseph, a woman deck cadet who was among the 17 Indian sailors on board MSC Aries vessel that was seized by Iran, returned home on Thursday, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said.

"Joseph from Thrissur, Kerala, landed in Cochin airport on Thursday afternoon. This was a result of the concerted efforts of the Indian mission in Tehran and the Iranian government," the MEA said.

The Indian mission in Iran is in touch with the remaining 16 Indian crew members of the container vessel. They are in good health and in touch with their families back home in India. They are expected to return to India soon, the ministry said. "The Indians are free and not under any arrest. They can return to India and are under the command of their Captain," said an Iranian source.

Iranian Revolutionary Guards on April 13 seized the Israeli-affiliated container ship (MSC Aries) carrying 17 Indian crew members, in the latest escalation in West Asia's spiralling tensions.

Earlier, an official from Iran had said that the 17 Indian sailors are free and not under arrest. "We are in touch with the Indian Ambassador in Iran and would like to reaffirm that their condition is good. The only reason that they have not been able to reach the shore is due to bad weather conditions. None of the Indian sailors are under arrest," said a source from Iran.

The Indian government was constantly in touch with Iran to press for their release. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar spoke to his Iranian counterpart H Amirabdollahian and pressed for the release of these 17 Indians. "I spoke with Iranian Foreign Minister Amirabdolahian and took up the release of 17 Indians in MSC Aires. We discussed the situation in the region and stressed the importance of avoiding escalation, exercising restraint and returning to diplomacy," Jaishankar had said on Sunday, adding that he would remain in touch with Amirabdolahian.

He also had a conversation with Israel Foreign Minister Israel Katz, in which he shared concern at the developments. "We discussed the larger regional situation and agreed to stay in touch," he said.

MSC Aires was sailing from the UAE to Mumbai, according to maritime analytics provider Marine Traffic. Earlier, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan wrote to Jaishankar to ensure the safety of the nationals.

Ann Tessa Joseph

S Jaishankar

Stressed importance of avoiding escalation

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Manipur tribal body's plea in SC on fresh violence

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

A petition has been filed before the Supreme Court by a group named the Manipur Tribal Forum (MTF), sensing that another fresh outbreak of violence against the Kuki-Zo community in the state of Manipur may occur post the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. The group seeks appropriate directions from the court.

The fresh application filed by the MTF seeks immediate relief for the Kuki-Zo community. Despite repeated submissions for help and protection to the respected DGP (retd) Dattatray Padsaligikar, neither he nor any state authority has taken effective action for them.

"Despite repeated reminders and the passage of time, no actions seem to have been taken by him for the affected community," the plea of MTF said.

The group further alleges in its plea filed before the top court that despite sending five notes to Padsalgikar about recent cases of violence and arms seizures, the victim community has been left in the dark while the accused assailants roam free.

The application filed by MTF in the apex court states that over the last six months, the Kuki-Zo community of Manipur has witnessed first-hand the full arming of assailant groups.

"One of these groups, the Arambai Tenggol, has threatened to annihilate the Kukis," the plea claimed. The MTF seeks justice from the top court, coming with folded hands to urge urgent measures necessary for them.

The forum also claims that no action has been taken on the alleged beheading of a Kuki boy and therefore seeks the immediate arrest of the accused persons in the matter.

Additionally, the MTF seeks the immediate arrest of one S Premchandra Singh for beheading the Kuki boy.

The State of Manipur should disclose full details regarding criminal complaints, probes, arrests made, court orders secured, and charge sheets prepared regarding the deaths of 170 Kukis and violence against women.

It also seeks a direction from the top court for the Indian Army to protect the lives and properties of the Kuki-Zo community immediately, considering the larger picture of violence against them.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

Trial for person with disabilities: SC

The Supreme Court has decided to examine the issue of laying down guidelines for conducting trial against an accused who is having hearing and speech disabilities and is otherwise medically fit to commit a heinous offence like rape. A bench observed it has been brought to its notice that the SC has not so far laid down any such guidelines. The issue cropped up before the bench which declined to grant bail to a man and is now convicted for raping two minor girls.

TMC MLA gets time to file documents

The Supreme Court granted time to jailed TMC MLA Manik Bhattacharya to bring on record some additional documents in support of his bail plea in a case related to alleged irregularities in recruitment of primary school teachers in West Bengal. A bench comprising justices Bela M Trivedi and Pankaj Mithal considered the submissions of senior advocate Siddharth Luthra, appearing for Bhattacharya, that he wanted to file certain documents on record.

'Power of states on industrial alcohol plenary'

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE power of the states to regulate industrial alcohol is plenary and cannot be trampled by the Centre, the Uttar Pradesh government told the Supreme Court on Thursday while emphasising that the term "intoxicating liquor" should be given a wider meaning to include industrial alcohol and should be brought within the ambit of the states' law-making power.

Senior advocate Dinesh Dwivedi told a nine-judge Constitution bench headed by CJI D Y Chandrachud that all liquids containing alcohol come within the ambit of "intoxicating liquor". "The legislative history clearly shows that the words 'intoxicating liquor' are wide enough to include industrial alcohol and all the liquids consisting of alcohol," it added.

"The word 'intoxicating' can mean both (a) capable of causing intoxication or has the potentiality for it and (b) causes intoxication when had as it is, namely as beverage. Both the aspects should fall under Entry 8 to include 'all liquids containing alcohols'," Dwivedi told the bench."

Probe into 'high sugar' content in Nestle's baby food

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT & MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

INDIA is investigating claims by a report alleging that Nestle, a global food and beverage giant, sells baby products with higher sugar content in poorer South Asian countries, including India, compared to its products in European markets.

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) is examining these claims made by the Swiss NGO, Public Eye, and the International Baby Food Action Network (IBFAN). According to official sources, it is alleged that Nestle's 15 Cerelac products contain an average of 2.7 grams of added sugar per serving.

Nestle India responded with a statement claiming it has already reduced the sugar content by up to 30 per cent over the last five years, depending on the product variant. The company also stated that it regularly reviews and reformulates its product portfolio to lower the levels of added sugars.

Despite these claims, Public Eye reports that in India, where sales exceeded $250 million in 2022, all Cerelac baby cereals still contain nearly 3 grams of added sugar per serving. The company offers 15 products under this range in the country.

The report criticised Nestle for prominently highlighting the vitamins, minerals, and other nutrients in its products using idealizing imagery while lacking transparency about the added sugar content.

Dr. Arun Gupta, Convener of the Nutrition Advocacy for Public Interest a national think-tank comprising independent medical experts, paediatricians, and nutritionists, questioned the need for added sugar in products marketed to children in India. He highlighted the addictive nature of sugar and the ongoing public health crises of obesity and diabetes in the country. "It begins right from childhood. A government report has indicated that more than half of the children aged 5 to 19 years in India display biomarkers of metabolic disorders," he told reporters.

IBFAN has exposed significant disparities in the sugar content of Nestle's baby products across different regions. An investigative study that examined approximately 150 baby products across various regions found that Nestle's offerings in South Asian (including India), African, and Latin American markets contain notably higher sugar levels than those in European markets. The Guardian, referencing results from a Belgian laboratory analysis, reported that the sugar content in these products exceeds international food safety standards.

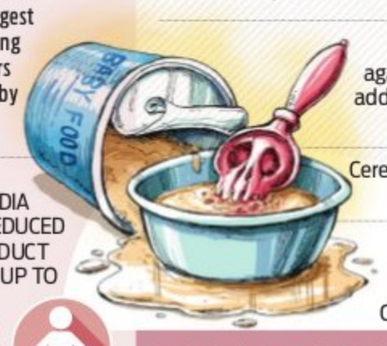
The introduction of added sugars before the age of two, as advised against by the World Health Organization (WHO), can potentially foster addictive eating behaviours and a lifelong preference for sweet tastes starting from a young age.

Added sugars are those not naturally present in food or drink but are included during preparation to enhance flavour. Examples include regular sugar, corn syrup, and honey. Excessive consumption of foods with added sugars can lead to health issues such as weight gain, diabetes, and dental problems.

Following these reports, Nestle India's stock price fell by up to 5.4% on Thursday, hitting a low of ₹2,409.55 on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE).

BITTER SWEET

Reports suggest Nestle is using added sugars in Indian baby products.



NESTLE INDIA CLAIMS REDUCED BABY PRODUCT SUGAR BY UP TO **30%** IN 5 YEARS

Global report highlighted sugar content disparities in Nestle's baby products

Higher sugar levels found in South Asian, African, and Latin American markets

WHO cautions against introducing added sugars before age two

Cerelac's sugar levels vary by market

Nestle India asserts compliance with CODEX standards

Nestle India's stock dropped by up to 5.4% post-controversy

UGC's move to bring domain experts draws talent in many academic streams

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

The University Grants Commission (UGC)'s Professor of Practice (PoP) scheme to bring domain experts into academics has attracted talent from engineering, health sciences, marketing, and hotel management streams. According to the findings of the latest survey conducted by UGC, Tamil Nadu has hired the highest number of academic experts.

As many as 93 experts are taking classes on various topics in the state's higher educational institutions (HEIs) and sharing their domain knowledge with students, thus helping them be industry-ready. Tamil Nadu is followed by Odisha (48), Maharashtra (35), Haryana (32), and Karnataka (29).

The other states are Delhi (15), Andhra Pradesh (10), Rajasthan (9), Telangana (6), and Punjab (5), said the survey.

Other disciplines that have drawn experts to teaching are tribal studies, biotechnology, microbiology and biochemistry, leadership, HR, entrepreneurship, and innovation.

Experts have been attracted to commerce, management, journalism, and artificial intelligence. UGC Chairman **M. Jagadesh Kumar** said, "It is good to see many universities appointing professors of practice in different disciplines."

"These professionals bring practical knowledge, industry experience, and real-world insights into educational institutions," he said.

He said that the initiative received broader acceptance and hoped other universities would proactively utilise the scheme. The UGC chief said Tamil Nadu hiring the maximum number of PoPs shows a strong commitment to enhancing student learning with real-world industry insights.

Engineering and technology have drawn the highest number of experts, with as many as 87 experts taking classes in these HEIs. However, within engineering and technology, more computer science experts have taken up teaching, followed by electrical and electronics engineering, mechanical engineering, among others. The survey found that even Union Territories and states like Pondicherry (2) and Uttar Pradesh (1) have hired PoPs.

The UGC, as envisaged in the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, introduced industry and other professional experts as Professors of Practice into academic institutions with the aim to help both industry and academia.

In September 2022, UGC notified the guidelines for engaging PoPs in academic institutions to enable HEIs to hire them. UGC also developed a portal for Professors of Practice to help institutions and experts.

Kumar said a clear trend also emerged, indicating that institutions with higher NAAC or National Assessment and Accreditation Council accreditation scores are likely to have PoP on board. NAAC assesses and accredits HEIs in various parameters.

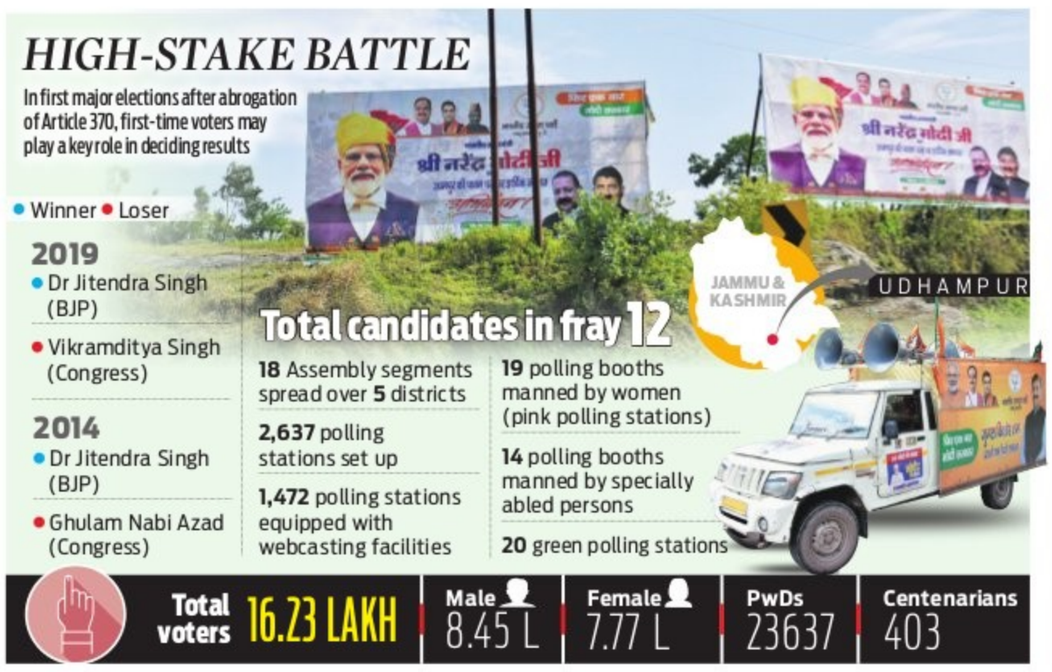
I had been summoned by the central agencies three times and grilled for hours though there was not a shred of evidence. Kejriwal has been arrested in a liquor scam but a top BJP leader, whose name has also surfaced in the case, has not been touched

Abhishek Banerjee, TMC leader

Doc faces anti-incumbency on familiar terrain of Udhampur

BJP's Jitendra Singh faces Lal Singh of Cong and G M Saroori of DPAP in 3-cornered fight

FAYAZ WANI @ Udhampur


HIGH-STAKE BATTLE
In first major elections after abrogation of Article 370, first-time voters may play a key role in deciding results
Winner Loser
2019
Dr Jitendra Singh (BJP)
Vikramditya Singh (Congress)
2014
Dr Jitendra Singh (BJP)
Ghulam Nabi Azad (Congress)
JAMMU & KASHMIR
UDHAMPUR
Total candidates in fray 12
18 Assembly segments spread over 5 districts
2,637 polling stations set up
1,472 polling stations equipped with webcasting facilities
19 polling booths manned by women (pink polling stations)
14 polling booths manned by specially abled persons
20 green polling stations
Total voters 16.23 LAKH
Male 8.45 L
Female 7.77 L
PwDs 23637
Centenarians 403

UNLIKE 2019 when Modi wave swept across the Lok Sabha polls in Jammu region and BJP candidate Dr Jitendra Singh won Udhampur seat with a huge margin, the MoS at PMO is battling anti-incumbency this time. And the entry of Congress candidate Lal Singh in the poll fray has made the contest interesting and the voting can also spring a surprise. The seat goes to polls in the first phase on Friday.

Although three candidates are in fray—Dr Jitendra Singh of BJP, Lal Singh of Congress and G M Saroori of DPAP — the main battle is between Jitendra Singh and Lal Singh.

"It will be a close fight this time. It is a neck-and-neck fight. The entry of Lal Singh has made the contest tough for Jitendra Singh," said Suresh, a resident of Kathua, the hometown of Congress candidate Lal Singh. He said that there is resentment against Jitendra Singh for remaining disconnected with the voters after the 2019 parliamentary polls.

"Everybody is complaining about it. Everybody wanted him to not be repeated after remaining an MP for 10 years. Even the BJP leaders also admit it privately," said Suresh.

There is a greater enthusiasm to vote among first-time voters. "There are over 50,000 new voters in the district," Suresh said, adding their vote may tilt the balance towards one of the two candidates.

Unlike other states, the BJP has preferred not to raise Ram mandir issue aggressively in Jammu region. Even Lal Singh's past when he campaigned for Kathua rape and murder victims did not make much impact despite BJP and DPAP raising it.

Instead the BJP focused its poll campaign on post Article 370 developments, including restoration of peace, end of stone-pelting, developmental projects and welfare schemes, improved road and rail connectivity, growth in tourism and pilgrimage tourism, etc.

The Congress in contrast raised issues ranging from snatching of statehood, threat to identity, job safety and land security. As the poll campaign was nearing end, Lal Singh pitched for safeguarding land and job rights of the locals.

Rakesh Kumar, another resident of Udhampur, said, "Despite reservations from locals and party leaders, BJP retained Jitendra Singh. This was probably because the party thought that opposition parties had no strong leader. However, the entry of Lal Singh in the poll fray has made the contest unpredictable," said Rakesh.

The Udhampur district was dotted with banners and posters of BJP with PM Modi figuring prominently.

According to Rakesh, there is a slight edge of Jitendra Singh in Udhampur district while in Kathua district Lal Singh, being a local, has advantage.

About 16.23 lakh voters, including 8.45 lakh male and 7.77 lakh female, are eligible to vote in Udhampur seat, which is spread over five districts of Kishtwar, Doda, Ramban, Udhampur and Kathua.

A young voter in Udhampur Shiv Kumar said it hardly matters who contests on behalf of BJP. "Our vote is for PM Modi. Despite reservations against Jitendra Singh, we will vote in favour of him to ensure victory of PM Modi," he said.

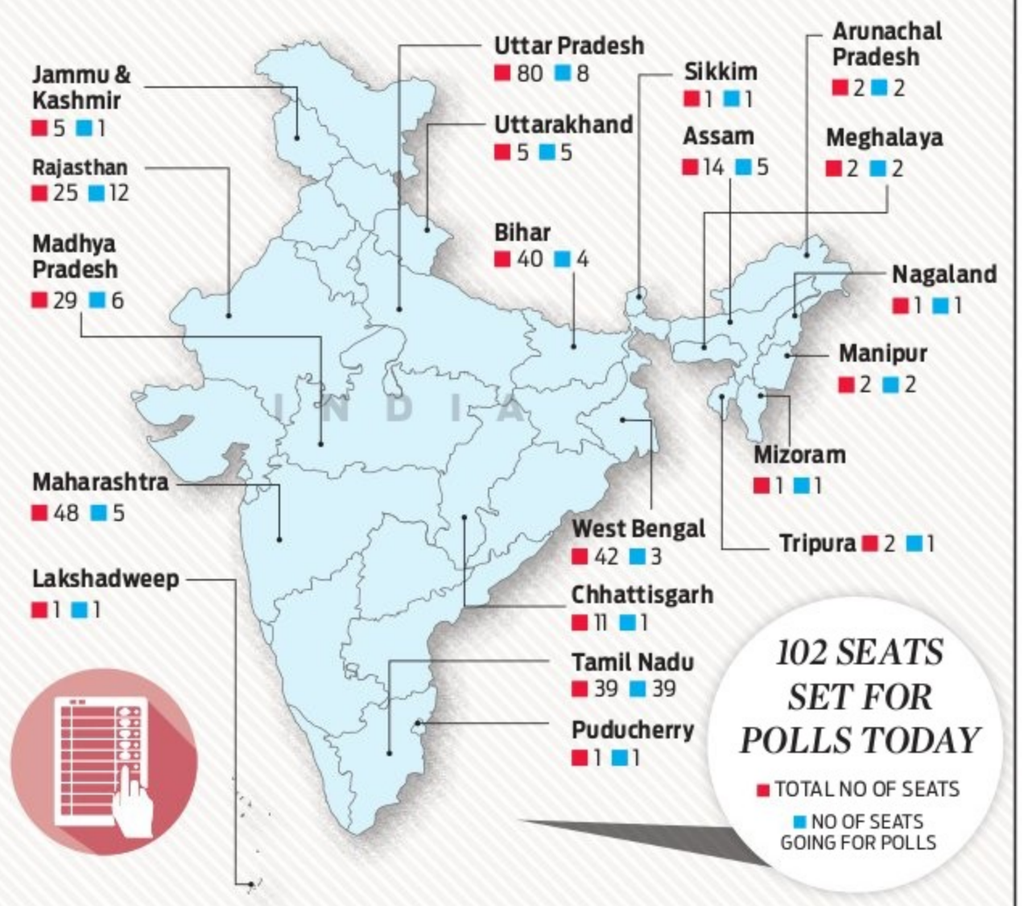
The BJP's star campaigners, including PM Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh, Anurag Thakur and UP CM Yogi Adityanath, campaigned for Jitendra Singh.

On the contrary, only Sachin Pilot and Raj Babbar campaigned for Lal Singh in the constituency. In fact, there was a meme of how Priyanka Gandhi, who was supposed to visit Udhampur, turned out to be Raj Babbar.

It is expected that DPAP candidate G M Saroori may cut Congress votes.

FESTIVAL OF DEMOCRACY BEGINS

The first phase of the 7-round elections begins on Friday amid tight security. There is a great enthusiasm to vote among first-time voters. The electoral fate of over a dozen prominent BJP leaders, including some Union ministers, will be sealed. The real test of BJP's call for '400 par' begins today



WAR OF QWORDS

At wife's rally, Ajit's 'vote-for-funds' jibe triggers Maha row

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

MAHARASHTRA'S Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar has found himself embroiled in controversy due to remarks he made during the Lok Sabha election campaign late on Wednesday, in support of his wife, Sunetra Pawar He warned that he would only release development funds if voters supported her candidacy. Opposition parties have accused him of violating the election code of conduct and have called for actions to be taken against him.

Rohit Pawar, an MLA from NCP (SP), asserted that Ajit Pawar's statements breached the election code of conduct. He highlighted a particular instance when Ajit Pawar spoke about fund allocation during a meeting. Rohit questioned, "What funds is Dada talking about? Are these funds held by their friends or are they government development funds? Since the public is not supporting, it constitutes a code of conduct violation to now threaten withholding funds! The Election Commission should take this seriously!"

Atul Londe, the chief spokesperson for the Maharashtra Congress, also criticized Ajit Pawar for his statements made during an active election period. "How can the DCM make such statements during an election? He has essentially threatened voters, saying that if they do not vote for his wife, he will withhold funds. This is a mockery of democracy and the election code of conduct."

Londe further stressed the need for stringent action from the Election Commission to prevent any form of voter intimidation. "We expect the EC to take strong actions so that no one can threaten the voters. We need a free and fair election, which is currently not taking place," Londe stated.

Rane gets BJP ticket, Shinde camp upset

The BJP on Thursday declared Union minister Narayan Rane from the Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg Lok Sabha constituency against Shiv Sena (UBT)'s Vinayak Raut. Chief Minister Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena was keen to contest the seat, terming it their traditional seat, but BJP refused to concede it. Shiv Sena was planning to field Kiran Samant, brother of industries minister Uday Samant from the seat. "We are emotionally attached to this particular seat. Conceding Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg Lok Sabha seat to the BJP means Shiv Sena will not contest even a single seat in the Konkan region where it had a traditional base," said a Shiv Sena leader.

Bihar all set for first phase of Lok Sabha polls

The stage is set for the first of the seven-phase Lok Sabha elections in Bihar on Friday. Four Lok Sabha constituencies — Aurangabad, Gaya (SC), Nawada and Jamui (SC) — are going to polls in the initial stage for which foolproof security arrangements have been made. Over 7.6 million voters are eligible to vote for 38 candidates in the fray in the first phase. A total of 7903 polling stations have been set up in all the four Lok Sabha constituencies. A total of 92602 first time voters will exercise their franchise in the first phase. Of the 7.6 million voters, 39,63,223 were male and 36,38,151 were female voters.

Uproar over abusive language for Chirag's mother at RJD rally

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

A day ahead of Bihar's four Lok Sabha constituencies going to polls, a video purportedly showing RJD workers using abusive language against LJP (Ram Vilas) chief Chirag Paswan's mother Reena Paswan in RJD leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav's election rally has gone viral.

RJD workers allegedly made adverse comments against Chirag's mother during the rally in Jamui constituency from where Chirag's brother-in-law Arun Bharti is contesting. RJD candidate Archana Ravidas was also present on the dais when party workers used the alleged offensive language.

Reacting sharply, Chirag said, "Tejashwi was present on the dais when RJD workers used abusive language against my family. Instead of stopping his party workers from making comments, Tejashwi was standing quite to make sure that his party workers finished making unsavoury comments against my mother and my sister. It is very unfortunate."

When mediapersons approached Tejashwi, he asked, "Have I used abusive language? I have also seen that video. Nobody present on the dais was involved in it but somebody from the gathering did it." He added, "I would not have tolerated had I heard such a language being used against Chirag's mother."

Former CM and Hindustani Awam Morcha patron Jitan Ram Manjhi wrote on X, "Till now, RJD goons used to attack Dalits behind the camera and played with our honour, but in Jamui, a Dalit leader like Chirag was abused along with his mother and sister on the instructions of Tejashwi. It is shameful. People of Bihar will take revenge for every insult of yours on the day of elections."

ELECTION2024

Ajay Mishra files papers in Kheri

On the first day of filing nominations for the fourth phase, two candidates, including Union Minister of State for Home and BJP candidate Ajay Kumar Mishra Teni, filed their nominations on Thursday from Kheri parliamentary constituency. Naresh Singh Bhadauria filed the nomination papers as an Independent candidate from the Kheri seat. According to the district election officials, no nomination was received from Dhaurahra seat on the first day, while BJP candidate Mishra reached the collectorate along with BJP district president Sunil Singh and Lakhimpur BJP MLA Yogesh Verma.

Cong poll campaign offices damaged

Two temporary election campaign offices of Congress candidate and MP Pradyut Bordoloi were allegedly damaged by unidentified persons in Assam's Morigaon district, officials said on Thursday. A police case was registered in connection with the incident. Some miscreants ransacked election campaign offices of the Nagaon Lok Sabha candidate at Baghjap near Jagiroad and Jagi Bhakatgaon on Wednesday night. "Security forces, along with a magistrate, went to the spots to assess the situation. Later, a case was registered at Jagiroad police station," said a district administration official.

QUOTE CORNER

You (BJP) did not allow them (farmers) to enter Delhi. Farmers are now not allowing you to enter villages. It is simple math... They only spread hatred. We are a secular party while they are stuck in the mud of caste-based politics

Bhagwant Mann, Punjab CM

Pretending to carry sacks of grains on the shoulders in the grain market and pretending to harvest crops do not make them (BJP and AAP) a well-wisher of labourers and farmers

Abhay Chautala, INLD leader

Women, 1st-time voters hold the key in 5-seat U'khand contest

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT & NARENDRA SETHI @ Shrinagar/Dehradun

SAKSHI Dhasmana, 19, is excited about voting for the first time in the April 19 Lok Sabha elections. The first-year BA student of Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University and her mother and grandmother wait anxiously for BJP candidate Anil Baluni to arrive at her village.

Baluni is fighting his maiden election from Garhwal.

Besides women voters, the state has a substantial section of floating voters who can play a pivotal role in determining the outcomes in the five parliamentary constituencies.

When Baluni arrives, she and many others, mostly women, wave the BJP flag with full-throated BJP slogans. Sakshi is the first-time voter. "I am going to follow my mother and grandmother," indicating where her voting preference lies.

Besides first-time voters like Sakshi, there are other women who hold the key to the Uttarakhand elections.

Of the total 83.37 lakh voters, 40.20 lakh are women. Their number has steadily increased over the years. In 2019, there were 77.65 lakh voters — 40.53 lakh male and 37.11 lakh women voters.

Though women's political representation is still low — nine in the state assembly, the highest female representation so far in the 70-member legislature since the state was carved out in the year 2000 — they are the deciding factor in these elections. That's the reason BJP and Congress are doing everything to garner their support.

BJP supporters ride on an earthmover during Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami's roadshow | FILE PHOTO

Baluni in his campaign addresses women voters directly. He is facing Congress' Ganesh Godiyal.

"Congress has always ignored the women's welfare. Modji has constantly worked for mothers and daughters," Baluni tells women voters.

The BJP appeal to young voters is also aimed at floating voters — the ones who are undecided about their voting preference. In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, the BJP secured all five seats with significant margins, benefiting from the Modi wave. The party's vote share rose to 60.7%, up by five percentage points from 2014.

A total of 55 candidates are in the fray for five seats in the state. There are 11 candidates in Tehri, 13 in Pauri Garhwal, seven in Almora, 10 in Nainital and 14 in Haridwar, which will go to polls on Friday.

Manveer Singh Chauhan, the party's media in-charge, dismisses the concept of floating voters.

"The Modi wave has settled the voter preferences. Currently, the electorate is decisively inclined towards a particular choice, and we will win all five seats again," said Chauhan.

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id :** crmd@cityunionbank.in,
Ph : 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.54,52,070/- (Rupees Fifty Four Lakh Fifty Two Thousand and Seventy only)** as on **15-04-2024** together with further interest to be charged from **16-04-2024** onwards, other expenses and any other dues to the bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) Mr. Raghu Raman, S/o. Venkatesh.D, No.22, 1st P Main, Muniswarappa Block, Ganganagar, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560032. No.2) Mrs. Varalakshmi, W/o. Venkatesh.D, No.22, 1st P Main, Muniswarappa Block, Ganganagar, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560032. No.3) Mr. A.Ankith, S/o. Andanaiah, No.7/2, 1st Main Road, Aangamagai Behind Binny Mill, R T Nagar, Bangalore - 560032.**

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank

Schedule - A : (Property Owned by Mr. Raghu Raman, S/o. Venkatesh.D)

All that Piece and Parcel of the Southern Portion of the Residential Property Bearing Survey No.88, Present BBMP Khatha No.59/88/1, No.D.A.516/2013-14, Earlier Portion of BBMP Khatha No.DA/271/2013-14, Situated at Chikkanahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Duly Converted From Agricultural to Residential Purpose Vide Converted Order No. ALN (NAY), SR.No.272 and 273/2007-08 converted by Special Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District, Bangalore, Measuring : Eastern Side : 165 Feet, Western Side : 170 Feet, Northern Side : 111.2 Feet, Southern Side : 111.8 Feet (165 + 170) Feet and (110 + 111.2) / 2 totally Measuring 18,592.5 Square Feet and Bounded on : East by : Remaining Property in the same Survey Number belongs to Sri. S. Raja and Others, West by : Remaining Property in the same Survey Number belongs to Sri. S. Raja and Others, North by : Road, South by : Government Rock.

Schedule - B : (Property Owned by Mr. Raghu Raman, S/o. Venkatesh.D)

(Description of Undivided Share in Schedule - A Property) Proportionate undivided Share of 241.5 Square Feet, in the Schedule - A Property According to Schedule - C and Total Super Built-up Area.

Schedule - C : (Property Owned by Mr. Raghu Raman, S/o. Venkatesh.D)

Residential Flat Bearing No.310, 3rd Floor, Having a Super Built-up Area of 1,050 Sq.Ft. of RCC Roofing, Consisting of Two Bedrooms, built with Bricks and Cement Walls, Vitrified Flooring, Wood Doors and Aluminum Framed Windows and provided with Separate Electricity, Water Supply and Sanitary lines from the common pipelines in the building known as OMEGA ASTER With one covered Car Parking in Stilt Floor.

Reserve Price : Rs.45,00,000/-
(Rupees Forty Five Lakh only) (For Schedule : A, B & C)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
06-05-2024	City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-R.T.Nagar Branch, No.590, HMT Layout, 4th Cross, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore - 560032. Telephone No.080-23337000, Cell No. 9342855177.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-R.T. Nagar Branch, No.590, HMT Layout, 4th Cross, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore - 560032. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.**, together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-23337000, Cell No. 9342855177. (5)** The property/ ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 17-04-2024 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287,
Telephone No. 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

ASHOKNAGAR CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.

1380/B, 6th Cross, Ashoknagar, Banashankari 1st Stage, 2nd Block, Bangalore-560 050. Ph: 080-26506213, 26606365, Mobile: 99642 16663

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF CHAPTER III OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002.

To, 1.Mr. Ranganatha kumar M N S/o Narasaiah C No.28,Hanuma Soudha, Post Office Road, Ullal Bengaluru- 560056

2. Mrs. Indushree W/o Mr.Ranganatha Kumar M N. No.28,Hanuma Soudha, Post Office Road, Ullal Bengaluru- 560056

3. Mrs. Geetha Ashok W/o Mr.Ashok. No 35/1 6th cross patel extension Kaggadasapura, C V Raman Nagar, Bengaluru-560093.

We Ashokanagar Co-op Bank Ltd., Bangalore, had at your request granted to you various Credit facilities by way of financial assistance on the terms and conditions contained in the agreement/s and document/s duly executed in favour of the Bank. The relevant particulars of the said credit facilities and the amount outstanding repayable by you are stated in **Annexure-I.**

As security for the said financial assistance you have created security interest in favour of **Ashokanagar Co-op Bank Ltd.,** interalia, by way of Hypothecation of Movable Properties / Mortgage of immovable properties by executing necessary security Documents/s /agreement/s. The particulars of the secured assets are specifically mentioned in **Annexure-II.**

In terms of the agreement/s and document/s entered into by you all with **Ashokanagar Co-op Bank Ltd.** you were required to repay the principal amounts of the financial assistance in accordance with repayment as contained in the said agreement/sand Document/s* and also to pay interest thereon at the rates and in the manner as stated in the said agreement/s and Document/s. The operation and conduct of the accounts in respect of the above said financial assistance/credit facilities have become irregular and your debt has since been classified by **Ashokanagar Co-op Bank Ltd.,** as a Non Performing Asset on **01.07.2021,** consequent to the default committed by you No.1 in repayment of principal debt and interest thereon.

Accordingly in exercise of the powers conferred in terms of Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (hereinafter referred to as 'the said Act') **Ashokanagar Co-op Bank Ltd.** declares that the aggregate amount of **Rs.22,28,539.00./-(Rupees Twenty Two lakhs Twenty Eight thousand Five Hundred & Thirty Nine Only)** as on **17/04/2024** is immediately due and payable along with future interest.

In the premises we the **Ashokanagar Co-op Bank Ltd.,** hereby call upon you all jointly & severally to pay to **Ashokanagar Co-op Bank Ltd.,** within a period of 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice the aggregate sum **Rs.22,28,539.00./-(Rupees Twenty Two lakhs Twenty Eight thousand Five Hundred & Thirty Nine Only) as on 17/04/2024** together with further interest thereon with effect from 17/04/2024 at the contractual rates together with costs, charges, other monies until payment or realisation.

In case you fail to make the payment as aforesaid, **Ashokanagar Co-op Bank Ltd.,** shall be constrained to take recourse in terms of the provisions of the said Act against all or any one or more of the secured assets, entirely at your risk as to costs and consequences thereof. The powers available to **Ashokanagar Co-op Bank Ltd.** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the borrower including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing secured asset (ii) take over the management of the secured asset including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale and realize the secured asset and any transfer of secured asset by **Ashokanagar Co-op Bank Ltd.,** shall vest in the all rights or in relation to the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you.

In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are here by prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in this notice without prior consent of **Ashokanagar Co-op Bank Ltd.**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

This notice is issued in terms of Section 13(2) of the said Act.

The charges expenses incurred for taking the said action shall be met out of the sale proceeds and if the sale proceeds are found insufficient to satisfy the entire amount due to the Bank, for the balance amount, appropriate legal action as provided in Act will do taken against you, holding all of you jointly and severally liable to all costs and consequences thereof.

Please note that the above notice is issued without prejudice to such rights of the secured creditor to initiate any other legal proceedings/auction as deemed fit and necessary under the provisions of any other law for the time being in force.

ANNEXURE-I

Sl No.	A/c No	Amount (Rs)	Amount outstanding as on 17/04/2024 repayable by you
1	201700000067	10,00,000.00	**Rs.6,56,556.00 (Rs. Six Lakhs Fifty Six Thousand Five Hundred & Fifty Six Only)** together with further interest thereon with effect from 17.04.2024at the contractual rates together with costs, charges, other monies until payment or realization.
2	202100000553	17,50,000.00	**Rs.15,32,291.00 (Rs. Fifteen Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand Two Hundred & Ninty One Only)** together with further interest thereon with effect from 17.04.2024at the contractual rates together with costs, charges, other monies until payment or realization.
3	204600000142	91,442.00	**Rs.39,692.00 (Rs. Thirty Nine Thousand Six Hundred & Ninty Two Only)** together with further interest thereon with effect from 17.04.2024at the contractual rates together with costs, charges, other monies until payment or realization.
	TOTAL		**Rs.22,28,539.00./-(Rupees Twenty Two lakhs Twenty Eight thousand Five Hundred & Thirty Nine Only) as on 17/04/2024** together with further interest thereon with effect from 17/04/2024 at the contractual rates together with costs, charges, other monies until payment or realisation.

ANNEXURE-II

(Details of Hypothecated assets and details of mortgaged properties of the Borrower)

All that piece and parcel of the Immovable **Property bearing SiteNo.21 Ullalu Grama Panchayath Khatha No.1242, Present Khatha No.3/1/21, Khaneshumari No.132/20/21, Old Assessment No.28,New assessment No.3/1, BBMP Ward No.130,Situated in Ullalu Village, Yashavanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore,Measuring East to West 20"0"feet and North to South 30"0"feet, Total 600sqft, with the building thereon with all civic amenities, with all rights appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded by the following boundaries;**

East by : Eastern portion of Site No-21 Belonging to Sri.N.Shashikumar.
West by : Property No.22.
North by : Property No.20.
South by : 30 feet Road.

Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date: 17-04-2024 **For Ashoknagar Co-operative Bank Ltd.**

In The Court of the XVIIIth ADD'L Chief Meteropolitan Magistrate at Bangalore
Crl. Misc No.1560/2024

Between :
Mr.T.S. Shanghobgue,
(Shivaraya Shanbhogue Tonse),S/o. Late. Tonse Mudlagiri Shenoy,
Aged about 85 years, No.687, 5th Block, 61st Cross, Rajajinagar,
Bangalore North Taluk,Bangalore - 560010. : Petitioner

Versus :

THE COMMISSIONER,
Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Hudson Circle, NR Road, Bengaluru- 560 001
Respresented by its Chief Registrar of Birth & Death : Respondent

NOTICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Whereas, the Petitioner had filed the above petition for the relief of death certificate of Petitioner's father namely Tones Mudlagiri Shenoy Son of Tonse Vittal Chenoy, who died on 29-10-1983 at his home, bearing no.12, 2nd Cross, Avalahalli, Girinagar, Bangalore - 560 019, if any person have any objections/or by pleader duly instructed on 8-05-2024 at 11.00 A.M., if there is no objection received on the day specified above the petition will be disposed off in accordance with law.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court, this 10th day of April, 2024

Advocates for Petitioner
M.V.Kini & Co., Advocates & Solicitors,
No.32/12,3A, 3rd Floor, Alsa Glendridge,
Opp. St. Joseph College,
Langford Road, Bangalore - 560 025

BY Order of the Court
Senior Shireishtadar,
XVIIIth ADD'L CMM,
Bengaluru

MYSORE PAINTS & VARNISH LTD.,

(A Govt., of Karnataka Undertaking)
New Bannimantap Extension, MYSURU-570 015, Karnataka.
Phone: 0821-2493831/ 2497469/ 2499340,
website: www.mysorepaints.karnataka.gov.in
email: materials-mpvl@karnataka.gov.in
Date: 17.04.2024

Re-Tender Notification

Tenders are invited from reputed manufacturers / authorized dealers for supply of the following materials through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal(KPPP) (**https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**). The details are as mentioned below:

SL.No.01. **Re tender notification Number:** MPVL/2023-24/IND0009/Call-2. **Tender Description:** Supply of Raw Materials &Packing Materials required for production of 2K PU Paints & Synthetic Enamel Paints and Allied Products. **Tender Category:** Supply of Goods. **Last Date & Time for submission of Tender / Bids:** 03.05.2024 **Date & Time of Technical Bid Opening:** 06.05.2024

Interested parties may visit **www.mysorepaints.karnataka.gov.in**for details and can contact the undersigned for any further clarifications/ information and request to participate in the tender.

For Mysore Paints and Varnish Ltd.,
Sd/-
Materials Manager/(TIA)

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

TRIVANDRUM (WORKS BRANCH)
TRIVANDRUM DIVISION
E-TENDER NOTICE NO. V/W/TVC/6/2024 DATED 16-04-2024

Divisional Railway Manager/Works Branch/Trivandrum Division, Trivandrum-14 for and on behalf of the President of India invites ONLINE tenders for the following works as per tender notice and Complete details are given in our e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in.**

Sl. No.	Description	Approx. value (₹ In lakh)	Earnest Money Deposit ₹
1	Clearing of bushes and cleaning of side drains in QLN P. way section - For two years	48.98	98000
2	QLN Sub Division: Construction of side drains.	214.91	257500
3	TVC Division - Proposed construction of RCC side drain from Br. No. 35 to Br. No.33 in SRR-ERS Section.	168.81	234400
4	KTYM Sub division: Maintenance of water supply distribution. Daily maintenance & periodical cleaning of open wells, OHT, GLR, sewer lines and septic tank for a period of two years.	59.70	119400
5	Improvements to Electrical section of Divisional Office.	111.48	205800
6	Sr.DEN/North Jurisdiction-Increasing Transition Length of curves in connection with increasing section speed to 110/90 kmph.-track works.	568.63	434300
7	ADEN TCR Jurisdiction: Renovation of SSE/Pway office at -WKI,TCR,PUK.	82.50	165000
8	TVC Division-Proposed Replacement of existing steel girders with PSC slab for Br. No. 128 Up (1x 12.20m) and Br.No.136 UP (1x 12.20m) in ERS-KTYM-KYJ section.	136.53	218300
9	Repairs and Improvements to Quarters G.I sheet roofing and plinth protection concrete and allied works at EVA, KFI, PVU, MYY, IRP, QLN, PRND, MQO, STKT, OCR, KYJ and CYN Stations.	148.25	224100
10	Kottayam - Annual Maintenance and Operation, Chemical feeding of Sewage Plant.	14.55	29100
11	Trivandrum Division - Increasing Sleeper Density (S) - for a length of 6.631 Tkm (SRR-ERS Section - 1.946 km, ERS-KTYM-KYJ Section - 4.685 km).	49.82	99600
12	ADEN Kollam Subdivision - Kollam P.way section - Maintenance and repairs of minor bridges including clearing of waterway and approach drains.	77.02	154100
13	Provision of Passenger Lifts at' AWY -2 Nos (PF1 & 2/3)	25.43	50900
14	Proposed renewal of Existing Culverts with Rail / joist & slab, Stone slabs with RCC Box 8 bridges. (QLN - TVC Section)	251.88	276000
15	TCR-Sub division:- Elimination of shortfall in Minimum Essential Amenities at stations.	153.85	226900

Tender Closing date and time: Sl No: 1 to 15: 09-05-2024 at 11.00 hrs

Period of completion in months: Sl No: 1, 4, 10: TWENTY FOUR, **Sl No: 2, 6, 7, 14, 15:** TWELVE, **Sl No: 3,11:** SIX, **Sl No: 5, 8, 9, 12:** TEN, **Sl No: 13:** NINE

Note: It is the responsibility of the tenderer to check any Corrigendum issued for any correction or modifications uploaded subsequently in website; the same shall be taken into account while submitting.

Divisional Railway Manager (Works) Trivandrum-14

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of General Public that my client, **Ramesh Sangayya Hiremath**, S/o.Sangayya G.Hiremath is intending to purchase the 'Schedule Property' mentioned hereunder from **Uma G.V.**, D/o. G.S. Virupakshappa. Any person/s having any objections for the proposed purchase or having any right, title, interest, or any claims over 'Schedule property' are hereby called upon to put forth his/her/their objections / claims what so ever along with documentary proof at the contact details mentioned below **within 7 days** from the date of publication of this notice failing which, my client will be constrained to presume that there are no objections and proceed with the purchase of the 'Schedule property'.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of vacant site bearing No.169,measuring East to West on Northern Side : 13.71 Meters, East to West on Southern Side : 13.71 Meters, North to South on Eastern Side : 10.67 Meters, North to South on Western Side:10.67 Meters and totally measuring 146.28 Square Meters (1575 Square Feet), carved out of the residentially converted lands bearing Sy.No. 209 measuring 35 guntas, Sy.No. 210 measuring 03 acres 39 guntas, Sy.No. 211 measuring 08 acres 10 guntas and Sy.No. 260 measuring 01 acre 18.38 guntas collectively measuring 14 acres 22.38 guntas, situated in Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and, bounded on:

East by: Site No. 168, West by: Road, North by: Road, South by : Site No.170.

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ICICI Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068

PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM E- AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **physical possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. Kallol Das (Borrower) Mrs. Pompi Chetia (Co-Borrower) Loan Account Number LBBNG00005533436/ LBBNG00005533438	A Three Bedroom Apartment Bearing No.TTP-B2-2B-1006 On The Tenth Floor In The 2B Block/Wing Known As "the Tree By Provident" Constructed On The Schedule 'a' Property, Having A Carpet Area Of 819 Square Feet (which Is Exclusive Of Balconies And Utility Space)or A Plinth/Built Up Area Of 933.76 Square Feet (which Is Inclusive Of Balconies Utility Spaces Walls Of The Apartment) And Proportionate Common Area Of 257.24 Square Feet Together With An Exclusive Right To Use One Covered Car Parking Facility To Be Allotted Separately Situated At Herohalli Village, Yashwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bengaluru.	Rs. 74,73, 769.12/- (as on April 04, 2024).	Rs. 63,30, 000/- / Rs. 6,33, 000/-	May 04, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM	May 31, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
2.	Khwaja Enterprises (Borrower) Mr. Mohammed Haneef & Mrs. Taj K (Mortgagors and Guarantors) Loan Account Number 193505500728/ 193555000012	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Bearing Site No.63/A, Formed In Sy.no.60, Situated At Hegganahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Measuring East To West 41 Feet And North To South On The Eastern Side 38 Feet And On The Western Side 32 Feet, In All Measuring 1435 Sq. Ft, And Bounded On The: East By: Site No.50a; West By: Road; North By: Site No.62; South By: Site No.63 Belongs To Shivanna; Together With A Building Constructed Thereon.	Rs. 65,20, 129.80/- (as on April 02, 2024)	Rs. 64,00, 000/- / Rs. 6,40, 000/-	May 04, 2024 from 02:00 AM to 05:00 PM	May 31, 2024 from 12:00 PM to 01:00 PM

The online auction will take place on the website of e-auction agency **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited (URL Link-www.disposalhub.com).** The Mortgagors/ noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **May 30, 2024** before **04:00 PM** failing which, this/these secured asset/s will be sold as per schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at **ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068** on or before **May 30, 2024** before **05:00 PM** and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before **May 30, 2024** before **05:00 PM** along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at **ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068** on or before **May 30, 2024** before **05:00 PM.** Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of **"ICICI Bank Limited"** payable at **Bangalore.**

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the e-auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact **ICICI Bank Limited** on **9844542086/ 7304918084/ 8008999536.**

Please note that Marketing agencies **1. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited** have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit **www.icicibank.com/n4p4s**

Date: April 19, 2024 **Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **ICICI Bank Limited**

VASAVI MSCM CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.

(Erstwhile The Mysore Silk Cloth Merchants' Co-operative Bank Limited)
No.6, Hospital Road, Bengaluru -560 053. Telefax: 2225 3389, 2226 8535. 26661253, E-Mail: info@mscmbank.in

NOTICE OF SALE- IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Auction sale under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Securities Interest Act 2002 of the Immovable properties mortgaged to **The Mysore Silk Cloth Merchants' Co-operative Bank Limited,** Presently known as **Vasavi MSCM Co-Operative Bank Ltd.** No.6, Hospital Road, Bengaluru-560 053 for recovery of secured debts below mentioned. For the realization of these debts the mortgaged property are brought for sale on **"as is where is and whatever there is condition".**

Auction Date Place & Time	Description Of the Properties Mortgage & Amount Of Loan	Reserve Price & Property Owners
23.05.2024, Thursaday 01.00 PM At No.6 Hospital Road, Bengaluru-560053	All that piece and parcel of immovable property consisting of the Property bearing No:150200301900300088 (as per panchayat raj records), No: 66/1/66/1 (as per Sooligere Grama Panchayath Records), situated at Kommaghatta Village, Sooligere Grama Panchayath, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, consisting of Residential building with Ground Floor and bounded on the: East by : Site Bearing Old No.12 belonging to Sri.Venkataramanappa and Smt. Renukamma ; West by : Road; North by : Site Bearing Old No.14, belonging to Sri.Rangappa; South by : Property Belonging to Sri.Siddaraju (Earlier Road as per Hakku Patra); Measuring; East To West ; 50ft. North To South : 25ft. In all ad-measuring : 1250 Sq.ft **Belongs to: Sri.Nanjappa.K.P S/o Late.Sri.Puttamadaiah @ Puttamadappa Liability as on 31.03.2024 is Rs.21,52,606.00 (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Fifty Two Thousand Six Hundred Six Only) + interest + expenses and other charges.**	**Rs.33,28,000/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Twenty Eight Thousand Only) Sri.Nanjappa.K.P S/o Late. Sri.Puttamadaiah @ Puttamadappa**
23.05.2024, Thursaday 03.00 PM At No.6 Hospital Road, Bengaluru-560053	All that piece and parcel of property bearing Municipal No:387/11/33/6/386 (Previously Eastern portion of Site bearing No.11, carved out of land in Sy No.33/6 of Jaraganahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk) presently situated at jaraganahalli, Bengaluru, within the limits and administration of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru, Corporation Ward No.185, Yelechanahalli Ward, consisting of Residential and Commercial building with Ground, First, Second, Third Floor and bounded on the : East by : Road; West by : Western portion of site bearing No.11 belonging to Smt. M. Lakshminarayanamma; North by : Property belonging to Sri. Krishnappa; South by : Road, Measuring; East to West : 22ft 6 inches. North to South : 32ft 6 inches. In all ad-measuring ; 731.25 Sq.ft, **Belongs to: Sri.Muniyappa S S/o Late. K.S.Srinivasappa Liability as on 31.03.2024 is Rs.57,64,854.00 (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakhs Sixty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Four Only) + interest + expenses and other charges.**	**Rs.68,04,072/- (Rupees Sixty Eight Lakhs Four Thousand Seventy Two Only). Sri.Muniyappa S S/o Late. K.S.Srinivasappa**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AUCTION

(1) The intending bidder for to participate in the auction has to deposit an amount equivalent to 10% of the reserve price of the properties being auctioned as a refundable "Earnest money deposit" (EMD) by way of D.D./Pay order in favour of **Vasavi MSCM Co-Operative Bank Ltd.**and payable on or before One day of auction date.(2) The E.M.D. amount will be refunded to the unsuccessful bidders immediately after the auction. The property will not be sold for less than the Reserve Price. (3)The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the amount [inclusive of EMD] immediately on the same day of the sale being confirmed in his/her favour. On receipt of said payment and verification of KYC documents with originals (photo ID and Address proof), the authorised officer shall issued letter of sale confirmation and the balance amount shall be paid within 15 days thereafter. (4) The amount remitted by the successful bidder is liable to forfeited by the bank without any prior notice if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms of this notice and commits default in any manner and the properties will be re-auctioned. (5)The successful bidder shall bear all the legal/incidental expenses like Stamp duty, registration fee taxes, TDS, Statutory dues, (if any) etc., as applicable. (6) The authorised officer shall have power to accept or reject bids or postpone/ cancel the auction without assigning any reason thereof. (7)The Bank will not be liable for any arrears of tax, any charge, lien or any other dues to the Government or anyone else in respect of the property auctioned. The bidders are requested to make discrete enquires in this behalf with concerned authorities. (8) For Inspection of the Property and other particulars the intending bidders may contact the Authorised Officer at H.O. Telephone No. **080-2225 3389, 080-2226 8535.** They are at liberty to make their own assessment /enquiry about the properties and any other encumbrances on the properties. (9) General Power of Attorney holders, agents and any other persons are not allowed to participate in the auction on behalf of the bidders. (10) The properties has brought for sale on "as is where is and whatever there is condition". (11) In case of stay of further proceedings by DRT/DRAT/High Court or any other court, the auction may either be deferred or cancelled and persons participating in the sale shall have no right to claim damages, compensation or cost for such postponement or cancellation. (12) If the event of the borrower paying the entire amount of the loan during the 15 days from auction date the auction will be deemed as cancelled and the property will be restored to the borrower. The bidder may get the refund of the EMD amount. (13) This is also notice to the (Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor) aforesaid loan about holding of auction sale on above mentioned date if their dues are not repaid in full.

Date : 18.04.2024 **Sd/- Authorised officer,**
Place : Bangalore **Vasavi MSCM Co-operative Bank Ltd.,**

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK

(A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 &12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

E-AUCTION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (SARFAESI ACT) 2002, READ WITH PROVISO RULE 8(6) & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.

The undersigned as authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the following property in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT. The Borrower in particular and public at large are informed that online auction (e-auction)of the mortgage property in the below mentioned account for realisation of dues of the Bank will be held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS "** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** on the date as prescribed as here under.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Original Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of 13-2 Notice	Date of Possession	Present Outstanding balance as on 15.04.2024	Date & Time of Inspection of the property	Reserve Price in INR	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR	Date and Time of E-Auction	Last date TIME & Place for submission of Bid
1	32999440000027	1) Manjunath V S, 2) Renukama S	18.11.2021	07.07.2022	Rs.13,52,946.86 (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Fifty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Six and Eighty Six Paisa Only)	25.05.2024 Time: 09:30 AM to 05:00 PM	Rs.37,47,000/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakh Forty Seven Thousand Only)	Rs.3,74,700/- (Rupees Three Lakh Seventy Four Thousand Seven Hundred Only)	07.05.2024 @ 02:00 PM	06.05.2024, Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., Head Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071

Details of Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel of the site bearing No.07, formed out of Sy.No.4711, situated at Kumbarahalli Village, Kasaghattapura Grama Panchayath, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 37 feet North to South (65+55)12+ 60 feet in all measuring 2220 sq.ft., and **Bounded on the:** East by West by North by South by: **East by:** Private Property, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No.06, **South by:** Private Property.

The properties are being held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** & **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** and the E-Auction will be conducted **'On Line'.** The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider **M/s. 4 Closure** at the web portal **https://bankauctions.in** & **www.foreclosureindia.com.** For more information and For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact **M/s. 4 Closure; Contact Mr. M Srinivasulru Contact Number: 8142000809. Email id: info@bankauctions.in/ srinivas@bankauctions.in.**

For further details on terms and conditions to take part in e-auction proceedings and any for any query relating to property please contact **Jana Small Finance Bank authorized officers Mr. Ranjan Naik (Mob No.9590858249), Mr. Umesh (Mob No.8050149617) & Mrs. Syeda (Mob No.7400445147).** To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there are no encumbrances on the properties. However the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property put on prior to submitting their bid. No conditional bid will be accepted. This is also a notice to the above named Borrowers/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors about e-auction scheduled for the mortgaged properties. The Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date: 19.04.2024, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

5.6
A moderately-strong earthquake struck central Turkey on Thursday

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • WI: Windy • HR: Heavy Rain • SN: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	21	13	LC	Los Angeles	21	13	LC
Colombo	33	27	LC	Melbourne	18	9	LC
Dhaka	39	27	SNY	Moscow	15	3	LR
Dubai	31	22	SNY	New York	13	9	LC
Houston	29	22	LC	Singapore	32	27	LC
Istanbul	17	13	TDS	Toronto	15	4	LR
London	13	3	LC	Washington	19	12	LC

Iran threatens to review nuclear doctrine

Senior Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps commander says policy on peaceful nuclear use could be revisited

TEHRAN

Iran could review its "nuclear doctrine" following Israeli threats to strike the country, a senior Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps commander said on Thursday, as the world braces for an Israeli response to Tehran's unprecedented April 13 drone and missile attack on it.

Tehran has always insisted its nuclear program was strictly for peaceful purposes, a claim Israel and much of the Western world doubt, *The Times of Israel* reported.

"The threats of the Zionist regime against Iran's nuclear facilities make it possible to review our nuclear doctrine and deviate from our previous considerations," Ahmad Haghtalab, the Guards commander in charge of nuclear security, was quoted as saying by the semi-official Tasnim news agency.

Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, has the last say on Tehran's nuclear program, which the West suspects has military purposes.

In 2021, Iran's then-intelligence minister said Western pressure could push Tehran to seek nuclear weapons, the development of which Khamenei ostensibly banned in a fatwa, or religious decree, in the early 2000s. "Building and stockpiling nuclear bombs is wrong and using it is haram [religiously forbidden]... Although we have nuclear technology, Iran has firmly avoided it," Khamenei reiterated in 2019.

However, Rafael Grossi, the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, said in February that Iran continued to enrich uranium at rates up to 60 percent purity, which is far beyond the needs for commercial nuclear use and is a short technical step away from weapons-grade 90%.

Haghtalab's statement comes as IDF Chief of Staff Herzi Halevi has vowed a response to the Iranian aerial attack, which was mostly intercepted, while world leaders have urged de-escalation. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel reserves "the right to protect itself" following the Iranian attack. Tehran says it was carried out in response to a suspected Israeli strike on its embassy compound in Damascus earlier this month that killed several members of the Revolutionary Guards, including two generals. Israeli officials have not said when or where the country would retaliate, but Haghtalab warned that Iran would "definitely" reciprocate any attack on nuclear sites.

"If the Zionist regime wants to take action against our nuclear centers and facilities, it will definitely and surely face our reaction," the official Iranian news agency IRNA quoted Haghtalab as saying."For the counterattack, the nuclear facilities of the [Israeli] regime will be targeted and operated upon with advanced weaponry." According to Haghtalab, Iran has "identified" Israeli nuclear centres.

Israel is widely believed to have nuclear weapons, but has never admitted so.

On Monday, Grossi said Iran had closed its nuclear facilities for security reasons on the day of its attack on Israel. Amirali Hajizadeh, commander of the Revolutionary Guards' aerospace unit, said that Iran had only used old weapons and minimal power for it. He argued Iran had overcome the maximum capacity of Israel and its allies with minimal power.

Reuters photographer Mohammed Salem's picture won the prestigious World Press Photo of the Year award on Thursday. The picture is of a Palestinian woman cradling the body of her young niece in Khan Younis filed on Nov 2, 2023. Salem (inset), a Palestinian, described his photo as a "powerful and sad moment that sums up the broader sense of what was happening in the Gaza Strip" | AP

WAR WATCH
ISRAEL-GAZA: DAY 195

GAZA TOLL SO FAR
34,367

UNRWA fights for survival at UNSC

The head of the UN agency that has helped millions of Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank for decades urged the Security Council on to ensure its survival as Israel again demanded its dissolution, accusing the agency of becoming part of Hamas' 'terror war machine.' Philippe Lazzarini told the council that dismantling the agency known as UNRWA would deepen Gaza's humanitarian crisis and speed up the onset of famine, leaving children without education. AP

AIRPORT PARTIALLY OPENS UP

Dubai struggles to recover after record rainfall

DUBAI

THE United Arab Emirates struggled on Thursday to recover from the heaviest recorded rainfall ever to hit the desert nation, as its main airport worked to restore normal operations even as floodwater still covered portions of major highways and roads.

Dubai International Airport, the world's busiest for international travel, allowed global carriers on Thursday morning to again fly into Terminal 1 at the airfield.

"Flights continue to be delayed and disrupted, so we urge you to only come to Terminal 1 if you have a confirmed booking," the airport said.

The long-haul carrier Emirates, whose operations had been struggling since the storm Tuesday, had stopped travellers flying out of the UAE from checking into their flights as they tried to move out connecting passengers. Pilots and flight crews had been struggling to reach the airport given the water on roadways. But on Thursday, they lifted that order to allow customers into the airport.

Others who arrived at the airport described hourslong waits to get their baggage, with some just giving up to head home or to whatever hotel would have them.

The UAE's drainage systems quickly became overwhelmed, flooding out neighborhoods, business districts and even portions of the 12-lane Sheikh Zayed Road highway running through Dubai.

Indian consulate's helpline nos

India's consulate in Dubai has launched helpline numbers for Indians and stranded passengers affected by the rains. The numbers are +971501205172, +971569950590, +971507347676, and +971585754213

In a message to the nation, Emirati leader Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the ruler of Abu Dhabi, said authorities would "quickly work on studying the condition of infrastructure throughout the UAE and to limit the damage caused." People waded through oil-slicked floodwater to reach cars earlier abandoned, checking to see if their engines still ran. Tanker trucks with vacuums began reaching some areas outside of Dubai's downtown core for the first time as well. AP

People wait for transportation amidst floodwater caused by heavy rain on the Sheikh Zayed Road highway running through Dubai | AP

US, UK issue new sanctions against Iran

WASHINGTON

THE US and UK on Thursday imposed a new round of sanctions on Iran as concern grows that Tehran's unprecedented attack on Israel could fuel a wider war in the Middle East.

Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control targeted 16 people and two entities in Iran that produce engines that power the drones used in the April 13 attack on Israel. OFAC also sanctioned five firms involved in steel production and three subsidiaries of Iranian automaker Bahman Group which is accused of materially supporting Iran's military and other sanctioned groups. A representative from Bahman was not immediately available for comment.

Additionally, the UK is targeting several Iranian military branches and individuals involved in Iran's drone and ballistic missile industries.

President Joe Biden said in a statement that he had directed US Treasury "to continue to impose sanctions that further degrade Iran's military industries. Let it be clear to all those who enable or support Iran's attacks." UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said in a statement that the sanctions "will further limit Iran's ability to destabilise the region."

In addition to Treasury's sanctions, the US Commerce Department is imposing new controls to restrict Iran's access to basic commercial grade microelectronics, which apply to items manufactured outside the US that are produced using US technology.

EU leaders also vowed to ramp up sanctions on Iran, targeting its drone and missile deliveries to proxies.

Earlier Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said US has 'been working to diminish Iran's ability to export oil'. AP

EXPRESS READ

Pak army forms panel to probe ex-ISI chief

The Pakistan Army has constituted a high-level inquiry committee headed by a major general to look into the allegations against Lt-Gen (retd) Faiz Hameed that he as the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) director-general misused his authority, according to a media report on Thursday. The inquiry has been ordered according to the orders of the Supreme Court, The Express Tribune reported. PTI

Russia downs five Ukrainian military balloons

KYIV

RUSSIAN air defences downed five Ukrainian balloons overnight, the defense ministry in Moscow said Thursday, as the sides kept up long-range strikes that have featured heavily in what has largely become a war of attrition.

Neither Russian nor Ukrainian officials have provided details about the secretive balloons, which Moscow authorities and media have reported on the battlefield in recent weeks.

Ukraine's military has been driving innovation since the war began in February 2022, notably adapting drones for wide use against the bigger Kremlin forces.

According to Russian news reports, the Ukrainian balloons are equipped with a GPS module and carry explosives. They reportedly are harder to detect and could carry a bigger payload than more common small drones. It is not clear if they are helium or hot air or another type of balloon.

The balloons aren't able to maneuver in the air. The GPS module is likely used to coordinate the release of explosives if the balloon floats over a specific area, with the aim of sowing panic on the ground and distracting Russian air assets.

Balloons brought down by Russian air defenses earlier this week in the Lipetsk and Kursk regions carried mortar mines, Russian news reports said. Ukraine is encountering difficulties on the battlefield against a bigger and better-equipped army as key Western military support for Kyiv has tapered off.

Crucially, further US aid is stalled in Congress. Ukraine has increasingly aimed at distant targets behind the front line, striking Russian rear bases and infrastructure. AP

Firefighters work on a building that was partially destroyed after a Russian bombardment in Chernihiv, Ukraine | AP

USTR says market access to India improved after senators find fault

WASHINGTON

INDIA has opened up its market to the American farming industry in as many as 12 different categories which will provide a growing opportunity for US exporters, a top trade official told lawmakers as she defended the Biden administration's policies after some influential senators raised the issue of unfair practices by foreign countries.

US Trade Representative (USTR) Katherine Tai, responding to a series of questions from the senators during a congressional hearing on trade convened by the US Finance Committee, said that the Biden administration has secured $21 billion in market access over the last three years. "That includes the 12 tariff categories with India, a growing market, growing opportunity for US exporters," she said on Wednesday. "We are opening markets for hard-working American families and communities, especially our rural communities," she said. After the US and India terminated seven WTO disputes, American chickpeas, lentils, almonds, walnuts and apples was available in India, benefiting farmers across our country, including in Michigan, Oregon, California and Washington, she added.

Responding to a question from Senator Bill Cassidy on a whistleblower's allegations of forced labour in the Indian shrimp industry, Tai said she has raised this issue with her Indian counterpart. PTI

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY G20

Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/2/2024
Dated: 15.04.2024
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following work.

Name of Work	Appx. Value
Tumakuru-Rayadurg	Rs. 9,76,12,748/-

New line:- 1) Remodelling of Rayadurga yard - a) Construction of earthwork in Bank, Construction of Minor bridge, P.way work and Supply of Ballast etc., complete. b) Proposed Tower Wagon shed c) Proposed Track machine siding. 2) Proposed Ballast siding at Avuladatla and Proposed extension of track machine siding at Kalyandurg
(Tender Ref. No.: TK-RDG-95

Last date for submission of bids: Up to 15:00 hrs. of 07.05.2024
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Deputy Chief Engineer / Construction Works / Bengaluru Cantonment
PUB/24/AAV/PRB/SWR/2024-25
South Western Railway-SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that **SMT.TANUJA.B.R** , is the owner of immovable property mentioned in the schedule hereunder and **SRI.ERATHIMMAIAH** is intending to purchase the same from her by avail loan from my client **M/s.Repco Home Finance Limited**, Basaweshwarnagar Branch and creating security on the schedule property in favour of my client. In case anybody having any claim in respect of the schedule property, they should inform to the undersigned within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of publication of this notice along with necessary documents.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.97/1, Assessment No.52, formed in Sy.no.52 Malagalu Village, now situated at 4th Cross, Annapooneshwari Nagara, Malagalu, Yashwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West : 20 feet and North to South : 40 feet, totally measuring 800 square feet comes under the limits of BBMP Ward No.127 and bounded on the:**East by :** Private property, **West by :** Site No.97, **North by :** Kempanna's property, **South by :** Road.

N. JAGADEESH KUMAR,
Advocate, No.30/1, 2nd Floor, 7th Cross, Near NR Colony Bus Stand, Opp. Hotel Dwaraka, Bangalore - 560019.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
At: Triveni Complex, 1st Floor, Abids, Hyderabad
O.A. No. 587 of 2023

Between
HDFC Bank Limited ... Applicant
and
Mr. Kanchi Narin ... Defendants
SUMMONS BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION
To,
1. Mr. Kanchi Narin, S/o. Kanchi Ranga Rao, Aged About 50 years, Occ: Private Employee, R/o. H. No. 003, Tower No. 24, Ground Floor, Orchid Petals, Sohna Road, Sector - 49, Gurgoan - 122001. Also at: Mr. Kanchi Narin, C/o. Infiniti Research Marketing Solutions, Cessna Business Park Embassy Signest, 1st Floor, Left Wing, Kadubeesanahalli, Bangalore - 560 103.
... Defendant/s
Please take the summons in the above **O.A. No. 587/2023** filed by the Applicant for Recovery of money of **Rs. 27,70,294.28/-** against you. The Hon'ble Tribunal ordered summons to you by way of paper publication and posted the matter to **15-05-2024.**
In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under;
i) To show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;
ii) To disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the Original application;
iii) You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;
iv) You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of theassets over which security interest in created and/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;
v) You shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets of other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.
You are hereby required to show cause on **15.05.2024 at 10.30 a.m.** at Debts Recovery Tribunal–II, 1st Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids, Hyderabad - 500001 in person or by an Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this Day **2nd day April, 2024.**
(By order of the Court)
Signature of the Officer Authorised to issue Summons

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Share certificate Nos. 001039 & 001040 for equity shares with corresponding Security Deposit Receipt No. 000193 and 000238 respectively of CENTURY GALAXY DEVELOPERS LIMITED for 3228 and 400 respectively totaling 3628 Shares in the name of **Mr. Amit Kumar Dey** and **Mrs. Suvaleena Dey,** are lost. Any person who has a claim in respect of the said shares should lodge such claim with the Company at its Registered Office at B Tower, 9th Floor, Corporate Block, Diamond District, Kodihally, Bangalore-560008 ***within 15 days*** from the date of this advertisement, else the Company will proceed to issue Duplicate share certificates.
Sd/-
Mr. Amit Kumar Dey
Mrs. Suvaleena Dey.
Place: Bangalore Date :18.04.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

The notice is hereby given to public that our client Smt. Sarojamma and Manjunath are intending to mortgage the schedule property and avail loan from Piramal Capital Housing Finance Limited.
If any person or persons or financial institution or Bank has any claim over the schedule property or any person or persons claim any right, title or interest, over the schedule property, the same may be lodged with the undersigned within seven days from today, along with relevant documents, failing which it will be presumed that the schedule property is free from any such claim and any claim received thereafter will not bind my client and would not be considered by my client.
SCHEDULE:
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Assessment No.2/1 (Old No.2), Situated at Malagalu Village, Yeshwnath pura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, BBMP Ward No.73, measuring 44x 40ft bounded on; East by Road, West by Property belongs to Narasimaiah, North by Property belongs to Puttaramaiah, South by other's Property, and 2. All that piece and parcel of the Assessment No.2/1 (Old No.2), Situated at Malagalu Village, Yeshwnath pura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, , BBMP Ward No.73, measuring 38x18ft, bounded on; East by Property belongs to Appaiah, West by Road, North by Same property previously sold to Others, South by Other's Property
V.L. Associates
Advocates
No.56, Out House, 19th Main Road, 2nd Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560 010. Ph: 94819 00851/ 9743323668.
Place: Bangalore Date: 18.04.2024

IN THE COURT OF THE VI ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (C.C.H. No. 11)
G & W.C. No. 13/2024
BETWEEN: 1) Mr. KIRAN C.N. BOAL, S/o late N. M. Boal, aged about 71 years, Having his office at Boal Financial Services Pvt. Ltd., Boal Centre, 3rd Floor, 2nd Cross, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560 009.
2) Mr. MICHAEL JOHN GILES DE REBELLO, S/o late Maurice Patrick De Rebello, aged about 42 years, Having his address at Apt No.402, 3rd Floor, Prestige Ashcroft, No.47/11, 6th Cross Lavelle Road, Bengaluru-560 001. ... **PETITIONERS**
AND: NIL ... RESPONDENT
PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that a Petition has been made to this Court under Section 7 and 29 of the Guardian and Wards Act, praying to appoint the Petitioner No.1 (being executor of the will of late Maurice Patrick De Rebello) as the Guardian of the Property of minors Daniel Jeremy Gareth De Rebello and Katelyn Jane Gina De Rebello, morefully described in the Schedule 'B' Property hereunder, sale proceeds of which were bequeathed to the minors, and alienate the same.
The Petition is posted for hearing on **10/06/2024** before the VI Addl. City Civil and Sessions Judge, Bangalore (CCH-11), all persons claiming to have any interest may appear before this Hon'ble Court on **10/06/2024** at **11:00 A.M** either in person or through pleader, duly instructed, failing which the matter will be heard and determined in your absence.
SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY
An undivided share of 563.8 sq. ft. out of 3845 sq. ft in the immovable property Apartment bearing No. 101 allocated PID No. 76-23-47/11, situated on the Ground Floor of "Prestige Ashcroft" Apartment building constructed in property bearing No.47/11, 6th Cross, Lavelle Road, Bengaluru-560001, in all measuring 3845 Sq. Ft. of total saleable area (comprising 3297 Sq. Ft. of super built up area and 548 Sq. Ft. calculated as 1/4th of the total private garden area of 2193 Sq. Ft.,) along with a proportionate share in the 2(two) reserved four- wheeler parking spaces in the basement together with corresponding 294 Sq. Ft (1.85% of 15,883 Sq. Ft.) undivided share in the land bearing No.47/11, 6th Cross, Lavelle Road, Bengaluru-560001.
Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 16/04/2024
By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru
KNS LEGAL
Advocates & Solicitors

NOTICE TO GENERAL PUBLIC

This is to inform the general public that **(1) Sri. Ravindra. D,** S/o Muniyappa, R/at No: 40, 3rd Cross, Brindavan Layout, Horamavu, Bengaluru- 43 and **(2) Sri. Mukesh Yadav,** S/o Late. Devi Chanran yadav, R/at Flat No: 406, Renaisance Piospero, Bellary road, Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru -92 have obtained a SALE AGREEMENT dated 06/09/2019 bearing No: SDG-1-02086/2019-20 from my client **Smt. Pillamma,** W/o Late. Srinivasappa, R/at Mallur village, Sidlaghatta Taluk, Chikkaballapura district and late **Smt. Jayamma,** W/o Late Venkatappa, R/at Kadiripalya, Sidlaghatta town and Taluk, Chikkaballapura district relating to their lands bearing Sy No: 2/1, measuring 1 acre 02¼ guntas each (i.e. New Sy.No: 2/5 and New Sy. No: 2/4 respectively), in total 2 acres 04½ guntas situated at **Pattarahalli village,** Kasaba Hobli, **Shidlaghatta Taluk,** Chikkaballapura District within specific boundaries On four occasions i.e. on (1) 10/02/2020, (ii) 01/02/2020, (iv) 03/07/2020 and finally on (iv) 23/03/2024 legal notices already issued to the said persons about the CANCELLATION of the SALE AGREEMENT and also the forfeiture of the advance amount. Hence, by this notice, it is informed to the GENERAL PUBLIC not to transact/deal with the above two persons or their representative or anybody claiming through them relating to the property noted supra. In spite of this notice if anybody proceeds further, they are doing so at their risk and consequences.
M. NAGESH, Advocate
FF14, HHS and HMS Complex, Cubbonpet Main Road, Bangalore - 560 002. Date:18-04-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client M/s.SESHAASAI BUSINESS FORMS PVT LTD, desirous of purchasing the Schedule Property from its owners **Smt. S. Sunanda and others.**
Any person or persons asserting any rights, title, interest or claim in the Schedule Property or any part thereof in any manner against the said owners or objecting such sale should write to the under signed within FOURTEEN DAYS of issuance of this Public Notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights in respect of the Schedule Property, after which period my client shall proceed with the sale transaction on the basis that there are no claims whatsoever in nature on the Schedule Property.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the industrial property bearing Plot No.S-1 (F), BBMP Khatha No.S/1-F, PID No.11-147-S/1-F formed in a layout by Karnataka State Small Industries Development Corporation Limited at Peenya 1st Stage, Industrial Estate Bangalore coming under the limits of BBMP measuring East to West 26 mtrs and North to South 21.20+21.50/2 mtrs in all approximately measuring 555.10 sq mtrs together with a multistoried building consisting of ground, first, second, third, fourth floors in all measuring 18815 sq ft and the terrace area with RCC Roofing, cement flooring and steel windows. The building is provided with water, electricity and sanitary connection and bounded on the:- **East by :** Road, **West by :** Private Land, **North by :** Private Land, **South by :** Plot No.S-1(g).
C.P.SAJEEV & JAISRI. S. KRISHNAN,
ADVOCATES,
No.34 & 35, 1st Floor, 8th Main, 13th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore-03.
Mob: 98452 00930 and 98807 48335
E-mail : Krishnan.jaisri@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby notified that my client Mithun. N., presently residing at Bangalore is the owner of the property described in the Schedule below. He has purchased the same through, sale deed, registered as document no. PNY-1-08669-2017-2018, Book-I, Stored in CD no. PNYD685, on 09/02/2018, in the office of Sub-Registrar, Peenya, from Smt. M. Jayanthi, represented by her GPA holder, Sri. R. Chandrashekar.
If any person or persons or financial institution or Bank has any claim over the schedule property or any person or persons claim any right, title or interest, over the schedule property, the same may be lodged with the undersigned within seven days from today, along with relevant documents, failing which, it will be presumed that the schedule property is free from any such claim and any claim received thereafter will not bind my client and would not be considered by my client.
SCHEDULE
All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site. No. 31, formed out of Assessment no. 22, Presently comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward no. 12, T. Dasarahalli zone, bearing Khatha no. 52, Situated at Shettyhalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Site measuring East to West: (38.5+36)/2 feet and North to South: 30-00 feet, in all measuring 1117.5 Sq., ft., and bounded on:
East by : Site no. 35;
West by : Road;
North by : Site no. 49/C;
South by : Southern Portion of Site no. 48.
MALLIKA.B Advocate
No. 203, 2nd Floor,
Saraswathipuram Main Road,
Nandinilayout, Bangalore- 560 096.
Ph: 9845595954 / 9742658187

PUBLIC NOTICE

DOCUMENTS LOST
I have been instructed by my Client Mrs. Shakeela Banu W/o. Late. Turab, residing at No. 1522, B.M. Road, Behind Kaveri Enterprises, Balakrishna Layout, Robertson Pet, K.G.F., Kolar District in respect of Documents pertaining to the above said property bearing Sale Deed No.755/81-82, Volume 1881/72-75, which is Lost, regarding which a Police Complaint at KGF Police Station is filed on 04-04-2004. If any one finds the above said Documents may please contact the above said person / address or contact Mob : 9916358615 **within 7 Days.**
Address : **ARUN R. NAIK,**
Advocate & Notary
66, 2nd Cross, 29th Main Road, B.T.M. I Stage, Bangalore-560068.

XIII- BOND FOR PEACEKEEPING FORM NO. 12
(SEE CASES 106 AND 107)
Since I, Manjunath @ Kuppi, Halubavi Road, Varthur Village, Varthur, Bangalore City, the opponent, have been ordered to maintain good relations with the Government and all the citizens of India till one year from 04-04-2024 to 03-04-2025 in the case of DCP/YV/MAG/380/2024 pending in the Court of Deputy Commissioner of Police and Special Executive Magistrate Bangalore City and has been asked to give the personal bond, I hereby commit to be on good terms with the Government and all citizens of India during the said period. In case of default, as a response Government can forfeit the personal bond and I will pay a sum of Rupees 5,00,000/- (Five Lakhs) to the Government.
Date: 04.04.2024
Sd/- **Special Executive Magistrate's and Deputy Commissioner of Police, Whitefield division, Bangalore Urban**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client Sri Somashekhar.G S/o Gowrisiddaiah have purchased the below mentioned vacant site from Sri Raju.M S/o Mahadevaiah, No.13, R.Chikkanahalli, Sulikere post, Kengeri hobli, Bengaluru-560060. If any person have any kind of claims, right and objection pursuant to said site, such person may contact below mentioned contact number within 15 days of the publication of this notice. If no objections received in stipulated period, our client will proceed to purchase and property will be registered in the name of Raju M.
DESCRIPTION OF SCHEDULE
As per Gram Panchayat record No. 1859/1979/103/107, a vacant site located at Bangalore South taluk, Kengeri hobli, Sulikere gram panchayat jurisdiction bearing Khata No. 179 (E-Property ID No. 150200301900402441), Assessment No. 103/3 bounded by Site No. 80 towards East, 30 feet road towards West, Site No. 106 towards North, Site No. 108 towards South among between the vacant site measuring East to West 41 feet and North to South 30 feet, totally measuring 1230 Sq.Ft on the date of 13-02-2006 at Bengaluru, Kengeri Sub register office with the document number of KEN-1-24843-2005-2006. Which is registered as Absolute Sale deed from K.S.Surendra to H.S.Narasimha, on the date of 23-12-2009 H.S.Narashima was been Expired, After his Expired his wife and his children was the HERITOR of this property. After few days the ABSOLUTE SALE DEED was lost and According to the law they have given police complaint about the lost of Absolute Sale deed and they haven't got the deed of the Sub Registrar, Book No. 1, Doc No. RRN-1- 8005-2021-2022, CD No. RRND 973 dated 27-01-2021-22.
Sd/- **S.R.GANGADHAR**, Advocate,
Mathrushree Associates, No.V-5, Shop No.2, Opposite KIADB Building, Near Peenya Sub-registrar Office, 14th Cross,Peenya 2nd Stage, B'lore-58.
Mobile : 9448522933, 9008011825

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from, **Sri MANJUNATH.K,** son of Sri T.Kariyappa, who claimed to be the absolute owner in possession of Schedule property. If any persons has any claim, right, title or interest in the Schedule Property or any objection to the proposed sale, the same may be communicated to the undersigned along with supporting documents within 15 days from this day, to the undersigned. If no such claims are received within the above said period my client will proceed to purchase the Schedule Property treating as there is no claim whatsoever to the Schedule Property.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All the piece and parcel of the Immovable Property bearing Site No.39, BBMP 'B' Katha Sl.No.3421, B Katha bearing No.104/1A/22/39 formed out of converted Sy.No.104/1A, (converted to Non-Agricultural Residential purposes, vide Conversion Order No.BDS:ALNSR(E) 182/2002-03, dated 20.01.2003, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District) situated at RACHENAHALLI Village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru Urban Dist, now within Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) limits, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 50 Feet and North to South 30 Feet totally measuring 1500 Sq Feet and bounded on:-
East by : 30 Feet wide Road;
West by : Site bearing No.42;
North by : Site bearing No.38
South by : Site bearing No.40;
SATHYANARAYANA .G, Advocate,
No.84, 8th Main, 9th Cross, Sadashivanagar, Bengaluru-560 080
Ph: 9343080908 Dt:18.04.2024

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Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER		FOREX	
454.69 ▼	Sensex	72,488.99	₹330 ▼	24 carat (10 gm)	₹73,950	1 kg	₹86,500	▲ Dollar	83.58
152.05 ▼	Nifty	21,995.85	₹300 ▼	22 carat (10 gm)	₹67,800	10 gm	₹860	▲ Euro	89.03

Infy profit jumps 30% to ₹7,969 cr

Forecasts revenue growth of 1-3% in constant currency, operating margin of 20-22% for FY25

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

SECOND largest IT services company Infosys on Thursday beat Street estimates and reported a 30% jump in its consolidated net profit for the March quarter at ₹7,969 crore compared to ₹6,128 crore in the year-ago period. Its revenue from operations for the fourth quarter stood at ₹37,923 crore, a 1.3% year-on-year (YoY)growth.

For FY24, the company's revenue stood at ₹1,53,670, an increase of 4.7% compared to Rs 1,46,767 crore. For FY25, the company forecast revenue growth between 1% and 3% in constant currency and operating margin of 20% to 22%.

Salil Parekh, CEO and MD, Infosys said, as we go into the industries, we see financial services to see a better outlook in the next year compared to the past year. When TNIE asked about trends that the company is seeing in client budgets, he said the trend seems to be similar in digital or discretionary work. "We see some changes in a few industries. For example, in financial services we are seeing a slightly better buying situation in the current fiscal year compared to the last one and in manufacturing, we are slightly seeing a slower growth."

Its large deal TCV (total contract value) for FY24 was highest ever at $17.7 billion, with 52% being net new. Parekh said they have a robust small deal business as well. The Board on April 18, 2024, approved annual grants to Salil Parekh including the grant of annual performance-based stock incentives in the form of Restricted Stock Units covering the company's equity shares having a market value of ₹34.75 crore.

Jayesh Sanghrajka, CFO, said the board has approved the capital allocation policy under which the company expects to return 85% over the next five years and progressively increase annual dividend per share. Infosys announced it will acquire a 100% stake in German firm in-tech, an engineering R&D services provider in an all cash deal for 450 million euros (₹4,000 crore).

The board recommended a final dividend of ₹20/equity share and a special dividend of ₹8/equity share. Revenue from North America fell 2.1% YoY. For Infosys, Europe market is doing well. Europe and the rest of the world markets saw a YoY growth of 6.5% and 1.6%, respectively. Infosys said it is leveraging large language models with impact across software engineering, process optimisation and customer support.

Employee count declines for fifth quarter in row

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

FOR the fifth consecutive quarter, the company's employee headcount has declined and in Q4 it was reduced by 5,423 employees, and also for the first time in the last 20+ years, the company's total headcount in FY24 has dropped by 25,994. Infosys' attrition declined further to 12.6%.

Jayesh Sanghrajka, CFO, said the company's utilisation rate has improved now, and it is at 82%. He added that the company has changed its hiring model significantly and that they hire less than half of freshers from off campus. Infosys has been skipping campus hiring. The CFO also added that the company is now following a more agile model of campus hiring. On the salary hike, the CFO said that they have not decided on it yet and that the last hike was in November.

Tata Motors may roll out JLR vehicles from TN Plant

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

TATA MOTORS is reportedly planning to manufacture Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) luxury cars in Tamil Nadu. While the company is yet to confirm or deny the reports, it is expected that the home-grown automaker will roll out battery-powered JLR vehicles from the upcoming plant.

Tata Motors in March had announced setting up a vehicle manufacturing unit in Ranipet district in Tamil Nadu with an investment of Rs 9,000 crore. The automaker had not announced whether it would make passenger vehicles or commercial vehicles here.

The development is seen as part of Tata Group's effort to turn JLR into an EV brand. Last year JLR, which was acquired by Tata Motors in 2009, said it would invest 15 billion pounds ($19 billion) over the next five years on EVs.

The fresh reports come at a time when global automakers are queuing up to start manufacturing EVs in India. Vietnam-based EV maker VinFast Auto recently commenced construction work for setting up a new integrated EV manufacturing unit at Thoothukudi in Tamil Nadu where the company has planned to invest ₹4000 crore, spread over 5 years.

US electric carmaker Tesla is also expected to announce its entry into the Indian market soo where it may invest $2-3 billion to establish an EV manufacturing unit. Tesla Chief Executive Officer Elon Musk is all set to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his 2-day visit to India starting from Sunday. It is expected that Musk will make Tesla's proposed investment announcement following his meeting with the PM.

Tesla is said to have started discussions with the state governments in Gujarat, Maharashtra, UP and Telangana for the proposed investment. A few other state governments are also aggressively luring Tesla to consider them.

Meanwhile, JLR continues to report healthy growth in sales. Last week, the company said that its March quarter sales rose 11% from a year earlier to 114,038 units, driven by increased production and sustained global demand. JLR sales in India grew by 81% to 4,436 units in the fiscal ended March 31, 2024.

ACQUISITION

ITC Infotech to buy Blazeclan for ₹485 crore

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

ITC Infotech, the technology arm of the eponymous tobacco major, on Thursday said it has agreed to acquire 100% shareholding of cloud services provider Blazeclan Technologies for a consideration of ₹485 crore.

The Pune-headquartered Blazeclan offers cloud services to global clients on AWS, Azure and GCP and claims to an AWS premier partner, an elite partner with Snowflake and offers services such as cloud migration, digital cloud consulting and data analytics which help speed up digital transformation with native cloud services and migration accelerators.

With the acquisition, which ITC Infotech believes will help augment the company's capabilities to service its customers in a multi-cloud and hybrid cloud environment. The company intends to further deepen its global presence through cloud competency centres in Australia, Singapore, Malaysia, and India.

Sudip Singh, managing director and chief executive officer at ITC Infotech, said, this acquisition will not only strengthen our capabilities significantly but also enable us to make scalable progress in the cloud space, while providing access to key opportunities to unlock larger business value for our customers.

Varoon Rajani, the founder & chief executive officer of Blazeclan, said, the acquisition is expected to be closed in six to eight weeks, subject to customary closing conditions.

Nokia India profit falls 69% on low 5G investment

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

NOKIA, a Finland-based telecom gear maker, reported a 69% year-over-year fall in its India profit at 265 million euros (₹2,360.09 cr), against net sales of 853 million euros in the corresponding quarter a year ago.

The company, in its first quarter result announced on Thursday, attributed the decline in profit to the moderate pace of investments in 5G networks by Indian telecom operators.

"India net sales declined, reflecting normalisation of 5G investments in the region after significant deployments in the year-ago quarter. Elsewhere in APAC, Rest of APAC and Greater China also declined," said Nokia in its quarterly result.

Reliance Jio and Bharti Airtel have been deploying 5G networks in the country since October 2022. Now, both telcos claim to have covered the entire country. In fact, the minister of Electronics and Information Technology, Ashwini Vaishnaw, called India's 5G rollout the fastest in the world and also said India has more 5G coverage than the US and Europe combined. However, India's third-largest telecom service provider Vodafone Idea (VIL), has yet to start deploying commercial 5G in the country.

Nokia said mobile networks were impacted by low spending in North America and India, which led to a Q1 net sales decline of 37% in constant currency. The company mentioned that a slower pace of spending in India was anticipated following the rapid 5G deployment seen in the first half of 2023, and its expectations for India for the full year remain unchanged.

"Globally, we expect Q1 to mark the low point in demand with activity, then progressively pick up through remainder of 2024, consistent with more normal seasonality. We saw major strength in gross," reads the report. Another telecom gear maker, Ericsson, also posted a 38% year-over-year fall in net sales in the markets of Southeast Asia, Oceania, and India, from 13.9 billion SEK in Q1 2023 to 8.6 billion SEK in Q1 2024.

DEBT MARKET

Bond issuances hit high of ₹9.98L cr in FY24 on short-term funding needs

ENS ECONPOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

DESPITE the single biggest issuer HDFC exiting the debt market following its merger in July, bond issuances (mostly in the private placement route) touched an all-time high in FY24 at ₹9.98 trillion (₹9.98 lakh cr), up from ₹8.52 trillion in the previous fiscal as companies are banking more on the less-cumbersome private debt market for their short to medium term funding needs.

Fiscal 2024 saw an all-time high fund mobilisation via corporate bonds on private placement basis at ₹9.98 trillion by 975 issuers, more than 17% from FY23, shows the data collated by Primedatabase that provides data on the primary capital market. The data is based on those bonds both listed as well as unlisted, with a tenor and put/call option of above 365 days.

Of the total, public bonds were only ₹20,787 crore, a rise of 179% more than the year from 48 issues, as against 32 issues raising ₹7,444 crore in FY23. The largest issue was from Power Finance Corp's ₹2,824 crore. In addition, domestic companies also raised ₹3.79 lakh crore through overseas borrowings (including ECBs), which was up 71% from ₹2.22 lakh crore in FY23.

According to Pranav Haldea, the managing director of Prime Database group, the record debt numbers are due to the surging credit demand on the back of strong economic growth and as usual, financial institutions led the mobilisation at ₹4.68 lakh crore, up from ₹4.34 lakh crore in FY23, representing an increase of 8%. But the private sector also raked in more debt, lapping up 44 % more than in the previous year at ₹4.96 lakh crore, compared to ₹3.44 lakh crore in FY23.

In last year, the debt raising stood at ₹6.74 lakh crore in FY20, ₹7.54 lakh crore in FY22 and ₹6.35 lakh crore in FY23. The public sector together mobilised 39% of the total debt, lower than 41% in FY23. Among government entities, banks led with a 91% share followed by a 8% share by other central units. After HDFC exited from the market after the reverse merger effective July 1, 2023, the public sector developmental lender Nabard led the mobilisation chart in the year with ₹65,393 crore mop-up, followed by REC at ₹52,140 crore, HDFC (till June 2023 at ₹46,062 cr), PFC (₹45,130 cr) and Sidbi (₹38,600 cr). These top five issuers raised a quarter of the total or ₹2.47 lakh crore.

The maximum money was raised in the above 10-year maturity bucket (₹3.29 lakh crore or 33% of the total), followed by 3-5 years bucket (₹2.78 lakh crore or 28% of the total). Coupon or the effective interest paid to investors averaged at 7-7% for as much as 56% of the total amount or ₹5.56 lakh crore and 16% or ₹1.63 lakh crore was in the 8-9% range.

Q4 FY24 RESULTS

HDFC Life net profit rises 15% to ₹412 crore

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

HDFC Life Insurance on Thursday reported a 14.7% increase in net profit at ₹412 crore in the fourth quarter ending March 2024. The insurer's profit was ₹359 crore in the January-March quarter of the preceding fiscal, HDFC Life said in a regulatory filing.

The insurer earned a total income of ₹27,893 crore in the quarter against ₹21,426 crore in the same period a year ago. The net premium income of the insurer increased to ₹20,488 crore compared to ₹19,427 crore. The board has recommended a final dividend of ₹2 per equity share of the face value of ₹10 each for the financial year 2023-24, subject to the approval of the shareholders at the ensuing Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The embedded value rose to ₹47,468 crore as of March 31, 2024, as compared to ₹39,527 crore at the end of last fiscal.

Profit after tax (PAT) for FY24 increased 15% at ₹1,569 crore as against ₹1,360 crore in the previous fiscal. However, the solvency margin declined to 187% at the end of March 2024 from 203% at the end of March 2023.

The insurer further said Deepak Parekh has decided to step down as the chairman and non-executive director of the company with effect from the close of business hours on April 18, 2024.

The Board has unanimously approved the appointment of Keki M Mistry as the Chairman of the Board. Mistry has been associated with the company since December 2000 and is currently a non-executive director on our board.

Under his stewardship, the company aim to achieve many more remarkable milestones and emerge stronger and more resilient than ever before, it added.

Bajaj Auto standalone PAT up 35% to ₹1,936 cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

> "Consistent growth across quarters reflected resilient business model, where a domestic performance made up for muted exports"
>
> Bajaj Auto

2W sales rises 26%

Two-wheeler sales rose 26% YoY to 9,16,817 units as against 7,25,405 units in Q4FY23. Commercial vehicle sales stood at 1,51,759 units in the fourth quarter

BAJAJ Auto on Thursday reported a 35% increase in standalone profit after tax at ₹1,936 crore for the fourth quarter ending March 31, 2024, riding on the back of robust sales.

The Pune-based company posted a profit after tax (PAT) of ₹1,433 crore in the January-March quarter of 2022-23 fiscal. Revenue from operations rose by 29% to ₹11,485 crore for the fourth quarter as against ₹8,905 crore in the year-ago period. The company saw a 24% rise in total sales at 10,68,576 units in the fourth quarter from 8,59,728 units in the same period of FY23.

Two-wheeler sales rose 26% YoY to 9,16,817 units as against 7,25,405 units in Q4FY23. Commercial vehicle sales stood at 1,51,759 units in the fourth quarter, up 13% as against 1,34,323 units in Q4FY23. For the year ended March 31, 2024, the company posted a 33% rise in PAT at ₹7,479 crore as against ₹5,628 crore in the FY23 fiscal. Revenue from operations rose to an all-time high at ₹44,685 crore for FY24 from ₹36,428 crore in the 2022-23 fiscal. "Consistent growth across all quarters reflected resilient business model, where a strong domestic performance more than made up for muted exports which continued to be impacted by the challenging context in overseas markets," the company stated.

Airtel signs pact with Dialog and Axiata Group to merge operations in Sri Lanka

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

BHARTI AIRTEL on Thursday announced signing of a definitive agreement with Dialog Axiata PLC (Dialog) and Axiata Group Berhad (Axiata) to combine their operations in Sri Lanka.

As per the agreement, Dialog will acquire 100% of the issued shares in Airtel Lanka, in consideration of which Dialog will issue to Bharti Airtel, ordinary voting shares that will amount to 10.355% of the total issued shares of Dialog by way of a share swap. Bharti Airtel, in an exchange filing said the transaction is subject to the approval of Dialog's shareholders and is pending the completion of specific conditions outlined in the share sale agreement, including clearance from the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE) and completion of other applicable legal, corporate and regulatory compliance procedures.

"We are happy to merge our Sri Lanka operations with Dialog. Given the scale and unique propositions they offer, we are certain that our customers will continue to enjoy cutting-edge services on a seamless network," said Gopal Vittal, MD & CEO of Bharti Airtel.

Vivek Sood, Group CEO and managing director of Axiata Group Berhad, stated that the merger between Dialog and Airtel Lanka is aligned with Axiata's strategy of market consolidation and resilience. "The merger will create value for shareholders of Dialog Axiata PLC and Axiata Group through achievable synergies. We have the utmost respect for Airtel Lanka and its employees and look forward to working together as we integrate the two companies," said Sood.

MINING

HZL becomes world's 3rd-largest silver producer

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

HINDUSTAN Zinc Limited, a Vedanta group company, became the third-largest silver producer globally, according to the World Silver Survey 2024 conducted by 'The Silver Institute', USA.

The survey also mentioned the company's Sindesar Khurd Mine was now the world's second-largest silver-producing mine, moving up from last year's fourth position.

Priya Agarwal Hebbar, Chairperson of Hindustan Zinc, attributed to increased ore production and enhanced grades, reinforcing its status as a key player in the global silver market. "Silver plays a pivotal role in the global energy transition and our recent record silver production of 746 MT paves the way for Atmanirbhar Bharat. Hindustan Zinc's production growth of 5% year-on-year is attributed to increased ore production and enhanced grades, reinforcing its status as a key player in the global silver market. This remarkable feat has been achieved using innovative technologies and sustainable mining practices, which helped us in optimising the production process while reducing the environmental impact," tweeted Hebbar.

Mexico-based Fresnillo is the world's largest silver producer. It has silver and gold mining operations across Mexico. Fresnillo produced 53.5 million ounce silver in 2023, 5% year-on-year growth.

Polish miner KGHM Polska Miedz is the second-largest producer of silver in the world. It produced 45.9 million ounce in 2023, an 8% increase from the previous year.

Anticipating a modest 4% recovery in jewellery fabrication in 2024, India is expected to be the biggest contributor, in part as restocking by retailers resumes. The silverware demand is projected to rise by 7%, predominantly driven by India's robust economic growth and escalating disposable incomes.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Lakshmi KR, residing at #227, 2nd Floor, 15th Cross, Sampige Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003 like to bring to the notice of general public that the original sale deed dated 9/7/1990 vide doc no 999, book 1, vol 3657, pages 115 to 127 registered before Gandhinagar sub registrar office is lost. If any person has any claim or holding the afore mentioned document, they shall return the same or contact me at 9902583175, failing which it will be presumed that there are no claims.

PUBLIC NOTICE

LOSS OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS

Notice is hereby given to the public that, I **Valliamma** I am the absolute owner of the property bearing No.52/3/60 East Side Thindlu, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore-560097 and the Absolute Sale Deed bearing Doc. No. CA-4376/2008-2009 registered in the Yelahanka Sub-Registrar Office has been lost/misplaced. All persons are hereby informed not to deal with or carry out any transaction with anyone based on the said missing document. If found kindly inform the undersigned at the below contact number **within 15 days**.

VANDANA KANTHRAJ, Advocate
Mob. No. 9739317885
Place: Bangalore. Date:18/4/2024

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking

(OF THE BRIHANMUMBAI MAHANAGARPALIKA)

TENDER NOTICE

E-tenders are invited for the supply of following items.

(1) Selection of Cyber security consultant agency.

Re – invited e-tenders

(2) 78074, (3) 78084, (4) 78103, (5) 78359, (6) 78260, (7) 78314,

Note: For more details, log on to website **https://mahatenders.gov.in**

PRO/AAM(M)/08/2024 GENERAL MANAGER

ASHOKNAGAR CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.

1380/B, 6th Cross, Ashoknagar, Banashankari 1st Stage, 2nd Block, Bangalore-560 050. Ph: 080-26506213, 26606365, Mobile: 99642 16663

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF CHAPTER III OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002.

To, 1. Mr. G.Chittibabu, Thumula Residency 1st floor, 8th Cross, Behind Brundavana hotel Ramanjaneya nagar, chikkalasandra, Bangalore-560061 &

Sri Rama Electricals Prop Chittibabu.G 1st Floor, Corporation Bank building, Uttarahalli Mainroad, Uttarahalli, Bangalore-560061

3. Mr. Sarath Kumar.D No.421/4 4th Cross, 6th Main, Shamanna Layout, Dodda Banaswadi, Bangalore-560043 &

#C-208 SLV VAJRA Horamavu, Bangalore-560043 &

No.20-1-415H, Subash Nagar Korlagunta, Thirupathi urban Chittoor, Andrapradesh-517501.

We **Ashokanagar Co-op Bank Ltd.**, Bangalore, had at your request granted to you various Credit facilities by way of financial assistance on the terms and conditions contained in the agreement/s and document/s duly executed in favour of the Bank. The relevant particulars of the said credit facilities and the amount outstanding repayable by you are stated in **Annexure-I.**

As security for the said financial assistance you have created security interest in favour of **Ashokanagar Co-op Bank Ltd.**, interalia, by way of Hypothecation of Movable Properties / Mortgage of immovable properties by executing necessary security Documents/s /agreement/s. The particulars of the secured assets are specifically mentioned in **Annexure-II.**

In terms of the agreement/s and document/s entered into by you all with **Ashokanagar Co-op Bank Ltd.** you were required to repay the principal amounts of the financial assistance in accordance with repayment as contained in the said agreement/sand Document/s* and also to pay interest thereon at the rates and in the manner as stated in the said agreement/s and Document/s. The operation and conduct of the accounts in respect of the above said financial assistance/credit facilities have become irregular and your debt has since been classified by **Ashokanagar Co-op Bank Ltd.**, as a Non Performing Asset on **02.05.2023**, consequent to the default committed by you No.1 in repayment of principal debt and interest thereon. (*Previously Given 13(2) notice dated 5th Dec 2023 has been Stands withdrawn/Voided.)

Accordingly in exercise of the powers conferred in terms of Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (hereinafter referred to as 'the said Act') **Ashokanagar Co-op Bank Ltd.** declares that the aggregate amount of **2,12,21,489./- (Rs. Two crore Twelve Lakhs Twenty One Thousand Four Hundred & Eighty Nine Only) as on 17/04/2024** is immediately due and payable along with future interest.

In the premises we the **Ashokanagar Co-op Bank Ltd.**, hereby call upon you all jointly & severally to pay to **Ashokanagar Co-op Bank Ltd.**, within a period of 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice the aggregate sum **2,12,21,489./- (Rs. Two crore Twelve Lakhs Twenty One Thousand Four Hundred & Eighty Nine Only) as on 17/04/2024** together with further interest thereon with effect from 17/04/2024 at the contractual rates together with costs, charges, other monies until payment or realisation.

In case you fail to make the payment as aforesaid, **Ashokanagar Co-op Bank Ltd.**, shall be constrained to take recourse in terms of the provisions of the said Act against all or any one or more of the secured assets, entirely at your risk as to costs and consequences thereof. The powers available to **Ashokanagar Co-op Bank Ltd.** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the borrower including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing secured asset (ii) take over the management of the secured asset including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale and realize the secured asset and any transfer of secured asset by **Ashokanagar Co-op Bank Ltd.**, shall vest in all the rights or in relation to the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you.

In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are here by prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in this notice without prior consent of **Ashokanagar Co-op Bank Ltd.**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

This notice is issued in terms of Section 13(2) of the said Act.

The charges expenses incurred for taking the said action shall be met out of the sale proceeds and if the sale proceeds are found insufficient to satisfy the entire amount due to the Bank, for the balance amount, appropriate legal action as provided in Act will do taken against you, holding all of you jointly and severally liable to all costs and consequences thereof.

Please note that the above notice is issued without prejudice to such rights of the secured creditor to initiate any other legal proceedings/auction as deemed fit and necessary under the provisions of any other law for the time being in force.

ANNEXURE-I

Sl No.	A/c No	Amount (Rs)	Amount outstanding as on 17/04/2024 repayable by you
1	204400000049	1,82,50,000	**Rs. 2,12,21,489./- (Rs. Two crore Twelve Lakhs Twenty One Thousand Four Hundred & Eighty Nine Only)** together with further interest thereon with effect from **17.04.2024** at the contractual rates together with costs, charges, other monies until payment or realization.
	TOTAL		**Rs. 2,12,21,489./- (Rs. Two crore Twelve Lakhs Twenty One Thousand Four Hundred & Eighty Nine Only)** together with further interest thereon with effect from **17.04.2024** at the contractual rates together with costs, charges, other monies until payment or realization.

ANNEXURE-II

(Details of Hypothecated assets and details of mortgaged properties of the Borrower)

1. All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Residential Property No.6, Khatha No.691/7, Present BBMP Khatha No.792/6, formed out of converted Sy No.1/3A. Situated at Gubbalala Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, presently coming under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore. Measuring: East to West (64'.0 + 74'.0") 2 feet and North to South (49'.0" + 40'.0")/2 in all total extent measuring 3070.50 Sq.Ft and in area together with building with all civic amenities, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface Bounded on:

East by: Road. West by: Private Property.
North by: Private Property. South by: Site No.7.

2. All That Piece and Parcel of Immovable House Property as security/ bearing Flat No.301, in the 3rd Floor, 3 BHK of the Apartment building known as "SURYA Residency" having 1300 sq.Feet of super built up area, Covered one car parking space and along with 332.959 sq. Feet of Undivided share on Schedule 'A' property bearing site no.53, present BBMP Khatha No.489/53, in the layout 'Raja Gardenia' carved out of converted survey No.s.1/1, ½ ,n 4/1 and 4/2 limits comes under BBMP ward No.184-Uttarahalli, situated at Thurahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore., in area with all civic amenities together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and Bounded on :-

East by: Site No.52, West by: Site bearing no.54.
North by: Road. South by: Private Property.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 17-04-2024

Sd/- Authorised Officer
For Ashoknagar Co-operative Bank Ltd.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE No. 14/2024 Dated : 12-04-2024

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the supply of following item.

Tender No.	Description in Brief	Qty.
L8245487	Main Transformer 7775 KVA Type Lot 7500 for WAP7	04 Nos
	3-Phase Electric Locomotive for HOG Compliance to CLW Specn. No. CLW/ES/3/0660 (ALT D) and STR No CLW/C-D&D/STR/001 REV"0" issued in Nov 2015.	

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 10:30 Hrs on 06-05-2024**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

PUB/20/AAS/PRB/SWR/2024-25 **Senior Divisional Materials Manager, Bengaluru**

South Western Railway - SWR | southwesternrailway_swr | SWRRLY | southwesternrailway | SWRRLY

"FORM NO. INC-25A"

Advertisement in the newspaper for Conversion of Public Company into a Private Company

Before the Regional Director, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, South East Region, Hyderabad

In the matter of the Companies Act, 2013, Section 14 of Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 41 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014

AND

In the matter of **Axiom Consulting Limited**
having its registered office at No. 12, Subramanya Arcade, Ground Floor, Bannerghatta Main Road, Bangalore, Karnataka-560029

...Applicant / Company

Notice is hereby given to the general public that the company intending to make an application to the Central Government (Power delegated to Regional Director, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Hyderabad), under Section 14 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with aforesaid rules and is desirous of converting into a Private Limited Company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on 15/04/2024 to enable the company to give effect for such conversion.

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change/status of the company may deliver or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Director, South East Region, 3rd Floor, Corporate Bhawan, Bandlaguda, Nagole, Tattiannaram Village, Hayat Nagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad-500068, Telangana within fourteen days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company at its registered office at the address mentioned above;

For and on behalf of the Applicant
Axiom Consulting Limited
Sd/-
Giridhar Lakshminarayana
Managing Director
DIN: 01553968

Place: Bangalore
Date : 18/04/2024

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** (Formerly known as Janalakshmi Financial Services Limited)., under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued **demand notices** to the borrower(s)/ Co-borrower(s) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against the respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notices, along with future interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and/ or realisation.

Sr. No.	Loan No.	Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	13(2) Notice Date/ Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on	Date/ Time & Type of Possession
1	45389420000112	1) Mrs. Ramya N, Also at: M/s. Angel Public School, 2) Mr. Venu Gopal R	26-12-2023 **Rs.57,30,182/-** (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakh Thirty Thousand One Hundred Eighty Two Only) **due as on 25-12-2023**	Date: 16-04-2024 Time: 10:20 A.M. Symbolic Possession
	Description of the Property: Schedule-'A': All that piece and parcel of vacant immovable property No.34, situated at Kamakshipalya Village, Saneguruvanahalli Dakale, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently bearing Site N.34, situated at 15th Main Road, Vrushabhavathi Nagar, Kamakshipalya, property comes under the limits of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Ward No.17, **Measuring:** East to West: 35 feet, North to South: 32 feet. Totally measuring: 1120 Sq.feet and **Bounded on: East by:** Property of Sri Mallappa, **West by:** Property of Sri Gindappa, **North by:** Property of Smt. M Nagarathnamma measuring 35X32 feet & **South by:** Road.			
2	47469438826078	1) Mr. Kumar D L, 2) Mrs. Mahalakshmi H V	08-02-2024 **Rs.16,98,934.69** (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Four and Sixty Nine Paisa Only) **due as on 06-02-2024**	Date: 16-04-2024 Time: 01:50 P.M. Symbolic Possession
	Description of the Property: Schedule-'A': All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing SL.No.1685, Katha No.1472/2468 measuring 30x18 Ft out of 35x45 Ft Building comes under the Municipality of Devarajanagara, Doddaballapura City and together **Bounded on the: East by:** Sri Krishnappa's Property, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Road.			
3	31899040000014	1) Mr. Mohan Kumar V, 2) Mrs. Veena Devi V, W/o. Mohan Kumar V, S/o. Venkatappa	21-09-2023 **Rs.1,72,576/-** (Rupees One Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Six Only) **dues as on 19-09-2023**	Date: 16-04-2024 Time: 10:13 A.M. Symbolic Possession
	Description of the Property: Schedule-'A': All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing No.55, Sy.No.75. Situating at Karekallu Layout, Kamakshipalya Village, comes under the limits of BBMP Ward No.101, Yeshavathapura Hobli, Bangalore Uttara Taluk, Bangalore, (As per municipality Property Situating East- Southern part of 47 X 33.5 of property No.55) and **Bonded by: East by:** Road, **West by:** Property Belongs to Mr. Govindaraju (B-Schedule of the same property No.55), **North by:** Property Belongs to Mr. V Prabhakar (C-Schedule of the same property No.55), **South by:** House property belongs to Mrs. Ramakka. Property Measuring East to West: 23-5 Feet, and North to South: 16-75 Feet, Total measuring: 393.62 Sq.feet House.			
4	32909630000421	1) Mr. R M Srinivasa, 2) Mrs. Muniyamma	08-02-2024 **Rs.5,02,200.33** (Rupees Five Lakh Two Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty Three Paisa Only) **due as on 06-02-2024**	Date: 16-04-2024 Time: 03:59 P.M. Symbolic Possession
	Description of the Property: Schedule-'A': All that piece and parcel of the property bearing portion of Property No.93/94C/44/2, Khatha ID No. 150300401400200114, Situated at Ralakunte Village, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Presently comes under the limits of Ittasandra Village Panchayath and **Bounded on the: East by:** Vacant Site, **West by:** Vacant Site, **North by:** Vacant Site, **South by:** Road. Measuring East to West 9.144 Mtr and North to South: 12.192 Mtr, in all measuring 111.48 Sq.mtr.			

Whereas, the Borrower's/ Co-borrowers'/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the Borrower's mentioned herein above in particular and to the Public in general that the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken symbolic possession** of the properties/ secured assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned above. The Borrower's/ Co-borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/ Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/ Secured Assets will be subject to the charge of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited.**

Place: Bangalore & Bangalore Rural | **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date: 19.04.2024 | **For. Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

THE BANGALORE CITY CO-OP. BANK LTD.,

ESTD: 1907

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE: NO. 3, Pampamahakahvi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore -18.
Office: 26678572 : 26600512: 26609066. Tele Fax: (080) 26617980

(Rule 8 (1) POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property) (Symbolically)

Whereas the undersigned being the authorised officer of **The Bangalore City Co.operative Bank Ltd.,** A.O., No.3, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore-18 under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Ordinance, 2002 (Ord. 3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued and demand notice calling upon the undersigned borrowers/ legal heirs to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers /legal heirs having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers /legal heirs and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Ordinance read with rule 9 of the said rule.

The borrowers / legal heirs in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **The Bangalore City Co.operative Bank Ltd.,** A.O., No.3, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore-18.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Sl.No.	Name of the Loanee	Balance Outstanding	Particulars of Immovable Property & Measurement
JAYANAGAR BRANCH			
01	Sri. Prakash. R	Demand Notice Dated : 05.02.2024 Possession Notice Dated : 15.04.2024 Balance outstanding : Rs. 38,29,979/- as on : 15.04.2024	Property & Measurement :- **New Municipal No.10, Kattalipalya, 6th Block, Koramangala, BBMP Ward No.67 of Koramangala, PID No.67-51-10, Bengaluru.** Measuring: **East to West : 43 feet & North to South: 25 feet.** East by : **Road,** West by : **Property belongs to Krishnappa,** North by : **Property belongs to Chikka Anniyappa & Shamanna Reddy,** South by : **Property belongs to Perumaiah.**
RAMANAGARA TOWN BRANCH			
02	Sri. Srikanta. C	Demand Notice Dated : 06.02.2024 Possession Notice Dated : 15.04.2024 Balance outstanding : Rs. 31,04,452/- as on : 15.04.2024	Property & Measurement :- **No.687/705/19, Sy No.51/2A of Bidadi, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagar District, Ramanagar.** Measuring: **0.01.2 Guntas (45 X 30) East to West : 45 feet & North to South : 30 feet.** East by : **Road,** West by : **Property belongs to Madevaiah,** North by : **Property belongs to Shivalingaiah,** South by : **Property belongs to Umesh.**
03	Sri. Fazeel Khan	Demand Notice Dated : 12.01.2024 Possession Notice Dated : 15.04.2024 Balance outstanding : Rs. 2,91,712/- as on : 15.04.2024	Property & Measurement :- **Khatha No.5773/3933, 1st Cross Road, Kalaq Nagar, Ward No.8 of Kanakapura Town, 1st Cross, S Kariyappa Road, Kalaq Nagar, Kanakapura Town, Ramanagar District.** Measuring: **East to West : 20 feet & North to South : 60 feet.** East by : **Property belongs to Syed Arifulla** West by : **Property belongs to Mohammed Nazim,** North by: **Conservancy Lane,** South by : **Municipal Road.**

Date: 18.04.2024
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorized Officer
The Bangalore City Co-operative Bank Ltd.,

P.V.P. POLYTECHNIC

(Recognised and aided by Govt. of Karnataka, approved by A.I.C.T.E)
Dr. AIT CAMPUS, MALLATHAHALLI, BANGALORE-56.
Telephone No. 080 23211559, E-mail : pvppolytechnic2017@gmail.com

Ref.No. PVP(P)/STORE/67/2024-25 Date: 18.04.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sealed quotations are invited from Reputed Manufactures/ Authorized Dealers for Supply of the following.

a) Photo Copier Machine - 01 No.

Interested suppliers can collect the tender forms and specifications personally by paying **Rs. 500/- (Rupees five hundred only)** by cash or DD in favour of the **Secretary, P.V.P. Welfare Trust, Bengaluru-56,** from the stores section of the institution with a requisition letter in their company letter head, on all working days between **9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.**

Sealed quotations for said item should reach the undersigned on or before **03.05.2024 by 1.00 pm.** Quotations will be opened on **03.05.2024 at 2.00 p.m.**

Sd/- Principal **Sd/- Managing Trustee/Secretary, PVPWT.**

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(A scheduled commercial bank)

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CORRIGENDUM

Please refer to the Demand Notice published in this News Paper on 27.09.2023, Pertaining to Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor Mr. Mohan Kumar V, Loan Account No.31899040000014. Details of the Security to be enforced should be read as **"All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing No.55, Sy.No.75. Situating at Karekallu Layout, Kamakshipalya Village, comes under the limits of BBMP Ward No.101, Yeshavathapura Hobli, Bangalore Uttara Taluk, Bangalore, (As per Municipality Property Situating East- Southern part of 47 X 33.5 of property No.55), and Bonded by: East by: Road, West by: Property belongs to Mr. Govindaraju (B-Schedule of the same property No.55), North by: Property belongs to Mr. V Prabhakar (C-Schedule of the same property No.55), South by: House property belongs to Mrs. Ramakka. Property Measuring East to West: 23-5 Feet, and North to South: 16-75 Feet, Total measuring: 393.62 Sq.feet House."** instead of "All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing No.55,Sy. No.75. Situating at Karekallu Layout, Kamakshipalya Village, comes under the limits of BBMP Ward No.101, Yeshavathapura Hobli, Bangalore Uttara Taluk, Bangalore, (As per Municipality Property Situating East-Southern part of 47 X 33.5 of property No.55), and Bonded by: East by: Road, West by: Property belongs to Mr. Govindaraju (B-Schedule of the same property No.55), North by: Property belongs to Mr. V Prabhakar (C-Schedule of the same property No.55), South by: House property belongs to Mrs. Ramakka. Property Measuring East to West: 23-5 Feet, and North to South: 16-75 Feet, Total measuring: 393.62 Sq.feet House and Bounded on: East by: Road, West by: Remaining portion of the same property, North by: Site No.2, South by: Site No.4." All other details remain same.

Place: Bangalore | **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date: 19.04.2024 | **For. Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I

BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House,
Raj Bhavan Road, Bangalore - 560 001.
O.A. NO. 1215/2021

BETWEEN :
FEDERAL BANK,
Indiranagar Branch,
Bangalore. **...APPLICANT**
AND
Smt. S. Savitha Kumari & Others., **... DEFENDANTS**

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(viii) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993

To,
3. M/s. Sigma Builders,
Partnership Firm,
Having its place of Business/ Office at :
Sy No. 223, Attibele, Sarjapur Road, Indiabele Veillage,
Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore.
Represented by its Managing Partner :
Mr. Balaji T.
4. Mr. A. R. Shyam Sundar,
Aged About 52 years,
S/o. Sri. A. M. Ramakrishnappa,
Residing at :
D. No. 225, Anekal Main Road, Attibele Hobli,
Anekal, Bangalore.

WHEREAS, the applicant has instituted an application under Section 19 of The Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act. 1993 against the Defendant (s) you for the recovery of the sum Rs. 45,29,868.54 (Rupees Forty Five Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Eight and Paisa Fifty Four only) together with current and future interest and other relief's.

The above mentioned Defendant(s) is/are therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent, in support of his/their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on 24.09.2024 at 10.30 a.m. (forenoon) as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that, in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this **12th day of April month of 2024**

SEAL

By Order of Tribunal
Sd/-
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal
Bangalore

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank — VASANTHA NAGARA BRANCH

[A Government of India Undertaking]

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POSSESSION NOTICE [Section 13(4)]

Whereas: The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Canara Bank** under Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **31.01.2024** calling upon the **borrower : 1) M/s. Alpha Consumables,** No. 14, Park Road, Off Queens Road, Tasker Town, Bengaluru 560 051. 2) And also represented by its partners **a) Mrs Nailah Javid** (Formerly known as Miss. Nailah Majid Patanwala) **b) Mrs. Hawa Majid Patanwala c) Dr Imran Majid Patanwala d) Late Mr.Majid Yusuf Patanvala** Represented by his legal heirs **i) Mrs.Nailah Javid** (Formerly known as Miss.Nailah Majid Patanwala) W/o. Javid Ahmed B2 4237 23RD Floor, CASA Paradiso Block 4 Wing 2 Sobha City Thanisandra Kothanur, Bengaluru-560 077. **ii) Mrs. Hawa Majid Patanwala,** No. 709, 5th Cross, 1st Block, Ground Floor, Mannas Legacy, HRBR Layout, Bengaluru-560 043. **iii) Dr. Imran Majid Patanwala** S/o. Mr. Majid Yusuf Patanwala, No. 55, Harris Road, ARM Thorpe, Doncaster DN32FE, United Kingdom, **iv) Dr. Imran Majid Patanwala** Represented GPA holder **Mrs.Hawa Majid Patanwala,** No. 709, 5th Cross, 1st Block, Ground floor, Mannas Legacy, HRBR Layout, Bengaluru-560 043 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs. 97,06,507.54/-** (Rupees Ninety Seven lakh Six Thousand Five Hundred Seven and Paisa Fifty Four only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **18th day of April of the year 2024.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of **Canara Bank** for an amount of **Rs. 97,06,507.54/-** as 30.01.2024 plus interest and cost thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY : Schedule A Property : All that piece and parcel of land bearing residential site bearing No. 5C-709, formed by BDA, situated at Block 1, Hennur Road, Banaswadi Road extension. (HRBR Layout). Corporation ward No. 88, PID No. 88-250-5C-709. Bangalore measuring east to west 15.25 meters, north to south 24.4 meters totally measuring in all 372.10 square meters or 4005.28 square feet and **bounded on : East by :** property bearing site no.5C-711, **West by :** property bearing site no 5C-707, **North by :** property bearing site No. 5C-710 and **South by :** 5th cross road. **Details of Apartment title deed by Mr. Imran Majid Patanwala.**

Schedule B Property : 9.80% Undivided share for Flat No. SF 202, 10.15% of Undivided share for Flat No. SF 201, right, title, interest and ownership in the land compromised in the schedule - A property here in above referred.

Schedule C Property : 1) A 3 bed room apartment bearing no. SF-201 (Road Facing) on the Second floor having a super built up area of 1740 square feet along with one reserved car park space bearing No.SF-1 in the basement floor of multi-storied residential apartment building known as "MANNA'S LEGACY" constructed on the schedule - A property with a right to pass through all the common passages lending to road and free for egress and ingress at all times and entitled for all the common areas and amenities subject to prompt payment of maintenance charges. Now the BBMP has allots the municipal No.5C-709/4, PID No.88-250-5C-709/4 and the area called as HRBR Layout 1st block BBMP ward no.88, Banasawadi, Bangalore.

2) A 3 bed room apartment bearing no. SF-202 (Rear Side) on the Second floor having a super built up area of 1680 square feet along with one reserved car park space bearing No.SF-2 in the basement floor of multi-storied residential apartment building known as "MANNA'S LEGACY" constructed on the schedule - A property with a right to pass through all the common passages lending to road and free for egress and ingress at all times and entitled for all the common areas and amenities subject to prompt payment of maintenance charges. Now the BBMP has allots the municipal No.5C-709/5, PID No.88-250-5C-709/5 and the area called as HRBR Layout 1st block BBMP ward no.88, Banasawadi, Bangalore.

Date: 18.04.2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore. **Canara Bank**

Central Bank of India

Corrigendum To Advertisement Bids / Tenders For Appointment Of Architectural / Project Consultant Services

Central Bank Of India, With Regard To Invitation For Bids / Tenders For Appointment Of Architectural / Project Consultant Services In Establishing Staff Training Cum Business Centre At Hardware Park In Bengaluru Dated 30.03.2024 (Published On 30.03.2024 and 11.04.2024 In the New Indian Express & Samyuktha Karnataka) Has Now Extended The Date For Submission Of Bids Upto **30.04.2024 At 15:00 Hrs**

Place : Bangalore. **Sd/- Deputy Regional Head**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) PANKAJA V K** Residing at No.203, 2nd Floor, B-9, Kailas, Jananabharathi Enclave, (BDA) Mysore Road, Bangalore-560059, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) PANKAJA V K** to **(NEW NAME) PANKAJA** vide affidavit dated 17.04.2024 sworn before Notary M.K.Devaki Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client **KUM. NAYANA .C HEGDE,** D/o. H.M. Chandrashekar, aged about 32 years, Residing at No.454, 22nd Cross, V V Nagara, Mandya - 571 401, the lawful owner and in possession over the all that piece and parcel of the residential vacant site bearing Old No:65, New Municipal No.65/85, Kempapura Agrahara Dhakale, C.I.T.B., Bapujinagara, Bangalore, now comes under BBMP limits in Ward No. 134, having PID No.42-29-85, measuring East to West 15 feet and North to South 45 feet, in total 675 Square Feet. Further that, subsequently i.e. on 04.03.2024, inadvertently my client has lost following original documents, in respect of above said property at Mandya Town. Those documents are (1).Original Katha Certificate of Motaiah, (2). Original Registration of Katha, (3). Original manual tax paid receipt, (4).Computerized Tax paid receipt for the year 2008-09 to 2014-15, (5). Original to allotment letter issued by CITB vide No.A2K.65/1961-62, (6).Original Memo(P.C) vide No.P.R.59/1965-66, dated 26/29.11.1965 issued by CITB, (7). Original registered WILL dated 05.11.2005 execute by Sri. Motaiah vide registered Document No.SRI-3-00150/2005-06 stored in CD No.42. In this regard my client had given police complaint before the jurisdictional Mandya Police vide Lost Report No.0981339/2024, 0981376/2024 and 0981381/2024 respectively on 19.03.2024.

Hence it is requesting to general public that, if anybody finds the above said documents, may return/handover to the owner of the property or to the below address.

K. VENUGOPAL, Advocate
GVN LAW ASSOCIATES
No. 120, LNK Corner, 5th Main, 2nd Block, 3rd Stage, Basaveshwaranagara, Bangalore-560 079. Ph. 9980800644.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Provident Housing Limited has been accorded Environmental clearance No SEIAA 171 CON 2022 dated 28th June 2023 from the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), KARNATAKA under the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006 for proposed Residential Apartment with MLCP at Sy No. 257 (5 to10), 257 (13 to16), 257 (18 to 23), 257/25, 270, 273, 274, 275, 278 at Samethanahalli, Anugondahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural.

The copy of Environmental Clearance is available on https://parivesh.nic.in/& https://www.providenthousing.com.

Sd/-
Manager, PHL

Can Fin Homes Ltd

Can Fin Homes Ltd (Sponsor: CANARA BANK) — **Bidadi Branch**

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CIN No. L85110KA1987PLC008699

APPENDIX- IV-A
[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Sale notice for sale of immovable property

Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Bidadi Branch, will be sold by holding auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **24.05.2024** for recovery of **Rs. 39,66,746.00** (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakh Sixty Six Thousand Seven Hundred and Fourty Six only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from **Mr. Manjunath P, Mrs. Rathna C** (Borrowers) and **Mr. Ravikumar** (Guarantors), as on 18.04.2024 , together with further interest and other charges thereon.

The reserve price will be **Rs.45,00,000.00** (Rupees Forty Five Lakh only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.4,50,000.00** (Rupees Four Lakh Fifty Thousand only)

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site no.34 Assessment no 113 Katha no 113/1 Situated in Channadasi palya Village Kurubaralli,Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore south taluk Bangalore. Admeasuring East to West 30 Feet. and North to South 40 Feet, Total measuring 1200 Sqft and bounded on: East by: Site No 35, West By:Site No 33, North By : Road,South By: Private Property
Encumbrances : NIL

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd., (https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx).

Date: 18.04.2024
Place : Bidadi

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.

Can Fin Homes Ltd

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POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1)]
(For Immovable Property)

The undersigned being the authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **30.01.2024** calling upon the borrowers **Mrs. Rajamma C** W/o Mr.Chandrashekar, **Mr.Prashanth C** S/o Mr. Chandrashekar and **Mr. B Srinivas** (Guarantor) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.35,13,739/-** (Thirty Five lakh Thirteen thousand seven Hundred and Thirty nine Rupees Only) and interest from 30.01.2024 with further interest at contractual rates till date of realization within 60 days from the date of the said notice

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described hereinbelow in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, 2004 On the **17th day of April 2024.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of CFHL for an amount of **Rs.35,13,739/-** (Thirty Five lakh Thirteen thousand seven Hundred and Thirty nine Rupees Only) and interest thereon.

Description of immovable property

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Katha no 25 and 26, Present no F 39 Muncipal no 25/4 situated in 6th cross Sirsi Road Chamaraj Pete, Bangalore 560018 , measuring East to West 20 feet. **and** North to South 30 Feet Total measuring 600 sqft and bounded on: East by : 71/2 Feet Passage, West By : Private Property, North By : Property of P B Somashekhar, South By : Road.

Place: Bidadi
Date: 18.04.2024

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.,

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Can Fin Homes Ltd (Sponsor: CANARA BANK) — **Electronic city Branch**

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
[proviso to rule 9(1)]

SALE NOTICE for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd. **Electronic city Branch,** will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **08-05-2024** for recovery of **Rs. 31,20,615/-** (Rupees Thirty One Lakh Twenty Thousand Six Hundred and Fifteen Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from **Mrs.VIJAYAMMA S and Mr.RAMANJANEYULU S** (Borrowers) and **Mr.Umesh K** (Guarantors), as on 18-04-2024 together with further interest and other charges thereon.

The reserve price will be **Rs.75,00,000/-** (Rupees Seventy Five Lakhs Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.7,50,000/-** (Rupees Seven Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only).

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of an immovable property bearing property No.9 and 10, Katha No.292/1B, BBMP Katha No.3316, situated at 2nd main, Chamundeswari Layout, Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore. Measuring East to West 40 feet, North to South 20 feet totally measuring 800 Sq ft and bounded on: East by : Remaining Portion of Site No.9, West by: Remaining Portion of Site No.10, North by: Road, South by: Property belongs to Papaiah Reddy.
Encumbrances : NIL

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd.,(www.canfinhomes.com). Please refer to the following link https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx

Place: Bangalore
Date: 18.04.2024

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.,

Depression, undereating led to retirement: Lanning

Australia's six-time World Cup-winning former women's cricket team captain Meg Lanning has said that her early retirement at 31 was forced by bouts of depression and weight-loss due to "over-exercising and under-fuelling". "It sort of just spiralled and I was in denial, even though everyone kept telling me something wasn't quite right...," Lanning told *'The Howie Games'* podcast.

Focus on Vinesh as two race against time

Phogat in spotlight ahead of Asian Oly qualifiers; Deepak & Sujeet in danger of missing event after travel hurdle

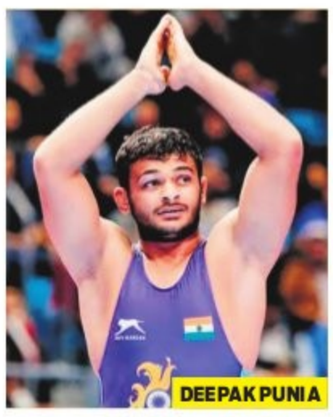
FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

DEEPAK Punia (86kg) and Sujeet Kalkal (65kg) will need loads of luck if they wish to book Paris Olympics tickets this time as their transit at the Dubai International Airport got delayed by a few more hours on Thursday evening. Stranded at the airport since Tuesday, the duo has to reach Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan before weigh-in on Friday morning. The weigh-in starts at 8am.

However, their flight which earlier was scheduled to take off by midnight got delayed by a couple of hours. The new schedule, if not changed, means they could now reach Bishkek by 7 in the morning. This gives them only an hour to clear the immigration and complete other formalities before rushing to the venue hosting the Asian Olympic Games Qualifier. The Day One of the event on Friday will see bouts in freestyle followed by women wrestling and Greco-Roman competitions on Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

"Now they are in serious trouble. The flight has been rescheduled umpteen times in the last two days. Another delay could force them to miss the weigh-in and the qualifier," a source from the Wrestling Federation of India told this daily.

The duo was training in Russia and landed at the Dubai Airport on Tuesday. Unfortunately, they got stuck at the facility as unprecedented rain caused havoc in the Emirate. "We are trying to keep them in good spirits. Weight is not an issue for Sujeet but Deepak is slightly overweight and was planning to reach Bishkek a couple of days before the event to shed extra kilos. Let's hope for the best," added the source Sujeet's father-cum-coach Dayanand Kalkal looked optimistic and said, "A wrestler needs proper rest, diet and training before any big event but both Sujeet and Deepak couldn't get it. The first goal is to take off for Bishkek then attend the weigh-in. If he (Sujeet) manages to reach in time then I am confident he can make it to the final."



DEEPAK PUNIA

Only Antim Panghal (53kg) has earned an Olympic quota for India so far with 17 more places up for grabs in wrestling for the marquee event.

'Bright chance'

Meanwhile, it is learnt that the WFI made sure that wrestler Vinesh's foreign coach, physiotherapist and sparring partner also got an accreditation each for the event. Vinesh, whose pet weight category is 53kg, will compete in 50kg at the qualifier. WFI president Sanjay Kumar Singh is already in Bishkek.

"Chances of Vinesh and Anshu Malik (57kg) are bright as a few good wrestlers in their respective weight categories have already qualified for the Games through the 2023 World Championships. We are expecting them to reach the final and book Paris tickets," said the WFI source.

Vinesh had competed in two weight categories (53kg & 50kg) at the selection trials raising eyebrows as a few of her competitors from both divisions lodged complaints against her with the WFI and United World Wrestling, the world governing body of the sport.

If she qualifies and competes, this will be Vinesh's third Olympics. She had to be stretchered off the mat after getting injured during a bout in the 2016 Rio Games. She failed to make it to the medal round in the next Games in Tokyo. Last year, she along with Bajrang Punia and Sakshi Malik launched a huge protest against former WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh accusing him of sexual harassment.

Sreeshankar sustains knee injury, out of Oly

INDRANEEL DAS @Chennai

THERE is bad news in the athletics camp. Long-jumper M Sreeshankar is out of the Paris Olympics. The 25-year-old athlete had been training for the season at Palakkad and was expected to leave for China to compete in the Suzhou Diamond League, the first of many competitions he was planning to enter this season. His ultimate goal was the Paris Olympics, for which he had qualified last year.

The Asian Games silver-medallist had been training very hard for the Olympics and was feeling great as well. Until Tuesday morning, he and his father and coach, S Murali, were chalking out plans for the season. By evening, things had changed during routine training. After Suzhou DL, they were supposed to head to Doha DL and was thinking of a training stint abroad. And they were even targeting the senior inter-state nationals as well.

However, things have not gone according to plan. Everyone in his camp is distraught. Sreeshankar hurt his knee during regular training on Tuesday evening and has since been ruled out of Paris Games. After numerous tests and discussions, experts have advised surgery on his knee. His dream has turned into a 'nightmare'.

Murali Sreeshankar | FILE PIC

"Unfortunately, in what feels like a nightmare, but is a reality, my Paris Olympics dream is over. I suffered a knee injury during training on Tuesday, and all the tests and consultations later, it's been decided that I would need surgery, ruling me out of the one single thing I've chased relentlessly all these years," he wrote on social media. "All my life, I had the courage to look at a setback in the eye, accept situations I can't change, and work hard at dictating the outcomes of those I can. Life writes strange scripts, and sometimes there is courage in accepting it and moving on. That's what I will do. My journey to a comeback began the minute I injured my knee. The road is going to be long, difficult and will take a lot out of me. The good thing is I've a lot to give. I will overcome this, because that's what Mamba Mentality is all about."

Even at the delayed Tokyo Olympics, he had a forgettable outing. It was later revealed that just before the Olympics, he had sustained an injury. He had consulted renowned sports medicine specialist Dinshaw Pardiwala, who heads the sports medicine department in Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital in Mumbai. According to his team, he is in touch with the same doctor and might undergo surgery as per specialists' advice. Sreeshankar had a mixed 2023 but ended with a silver at Hangzhou. After not being able to qualify for the final of the Athletics World Championships in Budapest, he was under pressure, especially after he managed to two big jumps coming into the event. One was during the senior inter-state nationals in Bhubaneswar where he jumped 8.41m in June. During the Asian Athletics Championships in July, he qualified for the Olympics with a jump of 8.37m.

SKY-hook: Suryakumar fireworks to the fore as Mumbai make merry

KALYANI MANGALE @Chennai

SIX-TIME NBA Champion Kareem Abdul-Jabbar had his signature shot called Skyhook. Many have called it 'the deadliest shot the NBA has ever seen' as well. It is a highly effective and difficult-to-defend shot that involves extending the shooting arm high above the defender and releasing the ball in a sweeping motion. Watching Suryakumar Yadav bat when he is one of his moods, is like reliving the skyhook from the late 70s. When it works, it works. And there is no denying that it is beautiful to watch.

Recovering from the ankle injury he sustained during the South Africa tour in December 2023, he did not play in the first two matches for Mumbai. His return, against Delhi Capitals, at home did not go according to plan when he went for a duck, where every other batter made of their chances to take Mumbai to 234. It all changed against Royal Challengers Bengaluru, where he found his mojo. After a base set by Ishan Kishan and Rohit Sharma, Yadav walked in to bat at three with 96 runs still required off 67 balls. He showcased his immaculate wristwork, picked up slower balls to smash them for sixes and thoroughly entertained the crowd. He picked a slower back of a length ball and pulled it over midwicket to reach his fastest IPL fifty of all time.

Suryakumar Yadav hit 53-ball 78 against Punjab Kings on Thursday | PTI

When Chennai Super Kings came to the Wankhede three days after the RCB fixture, none of it worked for Yadav where his instinct of uppercutting Matheesha Pathirana was right but he found Mustafizur Rahman hanging on for a catch. When it works, it works. When it doesn't, it doesn't. However, that has been the beauty of watching Yadav bat this season.

Again, at Mullanpur, that is exactly what he did. And this time it worked. Unlike in the fixture against Bengaluru, where he came after a century partnership, today, he had to build one alongside Rohit Sharma. He did not waste any time and smashed Kagiso Rabada for two boundaries in the same over he took Ishan Kishan's wicket and welcomed Harshal Patel with a boundary courtesy of some smooth wristwork. He struggled a bit against Harpreet Brar, but eventually nailed a sweep to keep the scoreboard ticking.

A six over extra cover off Iam Livingston took him close to another half-century, which he eventually completed in 34 balls. This was not a regular SKY trademark innings where he would bat with a 200+ strike rate and take the game away from the opposition. He batted at the strike rate of 147 and had to work for his runs against some of the crafty bowling from Punjab bowlers. But that's what you get with Yadav. When he is in rhythm, it is a treat to watch. His 78 set the tone for Mumbai as they went on to score 192.

In reply, despite Ashutosh Sharma's heroic 61 off 28 balls, Mumbai secured a 9-run win.

Brief scores: Mumbai Indians 192/7 in 20 overs (SKY 78; Harshal 3/31) **bt** Punjab Kings 183 in 19.1 ovs (Ashutosh 61; Bumrah 3/21).

Super contest between Kings and Giants

With Chennai Super Kings taking on Lucknow Super Giants in Lucknow, a look...

Lucknow look for turnaround

After two consecutive losses, the KL Rahul-led side need to find some answers and get back to winning ways. The bigger concern for them is how they have not been able to post above par totals at home and defend them, something they have a reputation for. While the injuries to Mayank Yadav hasn't helped, they would want more from the batters.

Lucknow Super Kings vs Chennai Super Kings, Lucknow

CSK openers in Lucknow

Although the Ekana Stadium has its share of pacy and slow surfaces, Gaikwad and Rachin Ravindra would be hoping that the ball comes on nicely. They tend to either slow down or struggle on surfaces that hold up, especially Rachin, and it is something the team management would want him to address and play his natural game irrespective of how the pitch holds.

Live on Star Sports and JioCinema, 7.30 PM

NOT A FAN OF IMPACT PLAYER RULE: ROHIT

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

AT a time where the Indian Premier League is seeing a significant rise in six-hitting and high-scoring matches and chases, India captain Rohit Sharma has said that he is not a fan of the Impact Player rule that is in force in the league.

Since the implementation of the rule last year, the contest has become a 12 vs 12 rather than 11 vs 11, with teams playing an extra batter/bowler, predominantly for ultra specific roles. As result, there has been a rampant increase in the totals team post, and the reduction in wicket preservation.

Speaking on the 'Club Prairie Fire' podcast hosted by Michael Vaughan and Adam Gilchrist, Rohit admitted that he believes that the rule is holding back the growth of the all-rounders. "I genuinely feel that it is going to hold back (development of India all-rounders)," he said, before adding, "Eventually, cricket is played by 11 players not 12 players. I am not a big fan of 'Impact Player', you are taking out so much from the game just because of a little bit of entertainment, for people around."

EXPRESS READ

Super Kings rope in pacer Gleeson

CHENNAI: Chennai Super Kings named English pacer Richard Gleeson as their replacement for injured New Zealand opener Devon Conway. The Black Caps southpaw had suffered a fractured left thumb during the T20 International series against Australia in February and had undergone surgery for the same. Conway's unavailability for the season was confirmed last month.

Juve ordered to pay CR7 more than $10mn

TURIN: Juventus has been ordered to pay Cristiano Ronaldo more than $10 million by an arbitration board following a salary dispute. The dispute regarded a move by Juventus players to defer part of their salaries during the coronavirus pandemic. The figure is half the amount that the five-time Ballon d'Or winner had been seeking from the Turin club in back wages.

Ruud racks up 26th win of the season

BARCELONA: Casper Ruud racked up a tour-leading 26th win of the season on Thursday by reaching the Barcelona Open quarter-finals. The World No 6 from Norway eased past Jordan Thompson of Australia 6-1, 6-4 to move clear of Jannik Sinner for most wins in 2024. Ruud will next face Matteo Arnaldi after the Italian World No 40 defeated Argentina's Marco Trungelliti 6-3, 6-0.

ISL playoffs: Odisha lock horns with Kerala

BHUBANESWAR: Odisha FC and Kerala Blasters FC will face each other in the first match of the ISL playoffs at the Kalinga Stadium here on Friday. Both these teams are heading into the knockouts with identical forms, losing thrice along with drawing and winning once each in their previous five games. This one-legged playoff fixture is vital for both, with a win here taking them straight into the ISL semifinals.

Badminton ace Momota calls it quits at 29

AGENCIES @Tokyo

TWO-TIME world champion Kento Momota said Thursday he is retiring from international badminton aged 29, admitting he had never been the same since a serious car crash four years ago. Japan's Momota was once badminton's undisputed king, winning 11 titles in 2019 and losing just six of the 73 matches he played that year.

But in January 2020 the vehicle taking him to Kuala Lumpur airport crashed hours after he won the Malaysia Masters.

The driver was killed and Momota needed surgery to repair a fractured eye socket.

When he returned after a year out Momota suffered double vision and failed to regain the scintillating form that had taken him to world number one, although he did win two more titles. "At the time of the accident I'd be lying if I said I didn't think to myself, 'Why me?'," Momota told reporters in Tokyo on Thursday.

Now ranked 52 and having missed out on a place at the Paris Olympics, Momota will retire from Japan's national team after playing at the Thomas and Uber Cup in China later this month. After that he will play only in domestic competitions in Japan and not on badminton's World Tour.

Gukesh slips to joint second, Pragg & Vidit lose

AGENCIES @Toronto

GRANDMASTER D Gukesh played out a creditable draw against top seed Fabiano Caruana but slipped a rung to the joint second position on a day when two other Indians endured frustrating losses in the Candidates Chess Tournament's 11th round here.

Nerves finally came into play as R Praggnanandhaa and Vidit Gujrathi lost their way against American Hikaru Nakamura and Russian Ian Nepomniachtchi respectively.

But 17-year-old Gukesh held his own against Caruana. In the other encounter, Frenchman Firouza Alireza proved superior to Nijat Abasov of Azerbaijan. With just three rounds remaining, the die seems to be cast in favour of Nepomniachtchi, who is gunning for his third straight Candidates title.

The Russian, who has to compete under the FIDE flag here owing to his country's international suspension, shot back to sole lead on seven points out of a possible 11 and it would be difficult for other contestants to get past him.

Caruana, Nakamura and Gukesh are in pursuit of the leader half a point behind in the standings.

Praggnanandhaa and Gujrathi have fallen apart with 5.5 and five points respectively. Coming back from behind is Alireza, who probably has no contest from Abasov in the bottom half.

D Gukesh in action on Wednesday | PTI

In the women's competition, the Chinese continued to dominate as Zhongyi Tan scored over Kateryna Lagno of Russia to regain sole lead ahead of compatriot Tingjie Lei, who played out a draw with Anna Muzychuk of Ukraine.

R Vaishali came back roaring, albeit a bit late, to beat top-seeded Russian Aleksandra Goryachkina while Koneru Humpy proved too good to avenge her early loss at the hands of Nurgyul Salimova of Bulgaria. Tan continued to reign supreme with seven points.

Round 11 results (Indians unless specified): Men: D Gukesh (6.5) drew with Fabiano Caruana (Usa, 6); Vidit Gujrathi (5) lost to Ian Nepomniachtchi (Fid, 7); R Praggnanandhaa (5.5) lost to Hikaru Nakamura (Usa, 6.5) (Aze, 3); Firouza Alireza (Fra, 4.5) beat Nijat Abasov (Aze, 3). **Women:** Koneru Humpy (5.5) beat Nurgyul Salimova (Bul, 4); R Vaishali (4.5) beat Aleksandra Goryachkina (Fid, 5.5); Zhongyi Tan (7.5) beat Kateryna Lagno (Fid, 5.5); Tingjei Lei (Chn, 7) drew with Anna Muzychuk (Ukr, 4.5).

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Real have last laugh against Man City, Bayern sink Arsenal to advance

AGENCIES @Manchester

REAL Madrid exacted revenge on Manchester City to reach the Champions League semifinals 4-3 on penalties after withstanding a barrage at the Etihad on Wednesday.

Rodrygo gave the visitors an early lead before Kevin De Bruyne hit back for the holders to leave the match level at 1-1 on the night and 4-4 on aggregate.

However, City's defence of the competition came to an end after Bernardo Silva and Mateo Kovacic saw spot-kicks saved by Madrid's unlikely hero Andriy Lunin. The Ukrainian had been at fault for City's early opener in a thrilling first leg but more than made amends. Madrid will face Bayern Munich in the last four after the German giants beat Arsenal 3-2 on aggregate. City had not lost at home in the Champions League since 2018 but the holders were held at bay by a heroic defensive effort by the 14-time European champions despite having 34 attempts on goal.

"It's so difficult. They are continuously probing with the ball and move you around. Most teams would fall apart when

Real Madrid players rejoice after securing the victory on Wednesday | AP

Results

(Q/Fs, second legs) Bayern Munich (GER) 1-0 Arsenal (ENG) | Bayern Munich win 3-2 on aggregate; Man City (ENG) 1-1 Real Madrid (ESP) aet 4-4 on aggregate | Real Madrid win 4-3 on penalties

City get on top of you but we stood up really well," said Madrid midfielder Jude Bellingham. "Today it came down to mentality."

Kane relishes duel with Jude

MUNICH: Bayern Munich striker Harry Kane looked forward to the semifinal meeting with England teammate Bellingham's Real Madrid, saying it was "why we moved abroad." Bayern beat Arsenal 1-0 on Wednesday at home thanks to a second-half goal from Joshua Kimmich in the quarterfinals for a 3-2 aggregate win. The England captain, who will play alongside Bellingham at this summer's European championships in Germany, said he moved for occasions like this. "These are the experiences that I think we both moved abroad for. To try and achieve it, to play in these big nights," he said.

The encrypted messaging app Telegram has reached more than 900 million active users and should pass the one-billion mark within a year, its boss said in an interview published Wednesday. "Telegraph is spreading like a forest fire. Two-and-a-half million users sign up every day," said Pavel Durov

META LAUNCHES AI FEATURES IN WHATSAPP: KNOW HOW IT WORKS

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

NEED the perfect birthday message for a friend or a witty quote to share? Struggling to translate a message or want to generate a unique image? Meta AI can handle it all. Now WhatsApp users won't have to turn to Google search engine to find the best quotes or birthday messages for their friends or family, or even download pictures to forward to their contacts. Meta, the parent company of Instagram and WhatsApp, has introduced its artificial intelligence assistant on WhatsApp, known as Meta AI.

Similar to OpenAI's ChatGPT, Google's Gemini, and Microsoft's Copilot, Meta AI offers various AI features, including answering questions, generating text and images, translating languages, and suggesting ideas. This means that users with Meta AI can verify any news or information without having to rely on Google search engine for verification. In simple terms, in India where WhatsApp forwards are often referred to as 'WhatsApp University', Meta AI has transformed it into a proper university. Currently available only in English and to a limited number of users, Meta plans to expand its availability to other languages and all users in the future. Meta unveiled Meta AI, its general-purpose assistant, in September 2023.

How it works

The company, in a frequently asked questions section, shared that Meta AI and other characters on WhatsApp are optional services provided by Meta. Users can choose to interact with Meta AI or other characters, each with their own personalities and interests. Users can engage in conversations with Meta AI and other characters, either individually or within existing group chats. They can ask questions, receive helpful recommendations, or discuss shared interests and interact with content provided by Meta AI.

Using Meta AI in group chats

To use Meta AI in a group chat, simply open the chat, type @ in the message field, then select Meta AI from the list of options. After accepting the terms, type your prompt and submit it. Meta AI's response will then be displayed in the chat. Users can also reply to Meta AI's messages by hovering over them and clicking the appropriate option. Create AI-generated images within chats. Messages from Meta AI and other characters are generated by artificial intelligence (AI) in response to prompts from users. These prompts are processed by Meta's AI service. It's important to note that personal messages and calls remain end-to-end encrypted, ensuring privacy. In group chats, Meta AI can only read and reply to messages that specifically mention "@Meta AI".

Privacy policy

Meta AI can only read and respond to messages that mention @Meta AI in group chats, maintaining user privacy. Personal messages and calls remain end-to-end encrypted, ensuring that neither WhatsApp nor Meta can access them. Users also have the option to delete individual chats with Meta AI or request the deletion of any information shared with Meta AI. In summary, Meta's introduction of AI features in WhatsApp provides users with innovative ways to interact and access information within personal and group conversations, while maintaining privacy and control over their data.

'Gen AI holds huge promise'

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

FIDELITY Investments India makes use of the latest technologies and works with training partners to enhance employees' learning experience. In addition to providing access to multiple technology learning platforms, it has specialized cohort-based learning programmes aimed at addressing niche business needs.

In an interaction with TNIE, Vijai Kishan Radhakrishnan, Head—Personal Investing (India), and Regional Chair, Fidelity Investments India, explains the importance of tech and how the company's much sought-after programme Data Science Bootcamp focuses on building key data science skills of the future.

"We came up with this data science boot camp because we felt that data science skills were important for two reasons. One was the amount of work in analytics was getting more. We needed more people to be aware of data. And the second is, even when you're running a technology role, the ability to understand the value of data and how you should build applications such that you can derive value from the data that you generate was something we wanted people to understand," he says.

Is Fidelity Investments making use of Gen AI to serve its customers? "There is a place for everything, and for Gen AI too. There is a lot of promise of this too in terms of using tech to create and generate content. While we do that, we play within the realms of the fact that we are managing somebody's money. We are managing people's money, their financial futures and things... We are running experiments, but not at the scale at which some others talk about. We are doing it in a manner that we can service our customers better, ensuring that they can get service right," Radhakrishnan says.

He adds that there is a lot of processing and content generation that the company does internally. "If there are opportunities within where we see there are good experiments that can be run, they are being looked at. But the core of our business is money management. So that is still a very research centric function that we do," he says.

How are clients actually benefiting? He says there's a virtual assistant on its website, which is using some of the algorithms that have been built based on the kind of questions some of its customers ask.

"The virtual assistant is trying to address that. Now, there's a line you don't cross on that, too, because in the end—we're a financial firm. You can't go and make an advisory using a virtual assistant. It still has to be human-centred because you should be able to show the lineage of your de-accessioning and why you made that decision. Somebody can hold us liable to that. So, you play with what kind of questions you can address using technology, and what you cannot. We're very clear on that and we have a good governance mechanism to handle that," he explains.

Also, the Fidelity Center for Applied Technology (FCAT) is serving as a technology resource for Fidelity Investments. FCAT research and development teams evaluate and track important trends in technology, identifying those that will matter most to Fidelity over the next five years.

eVelocity is a specialized programme within FCAT India that seeks to engage with the Indian and Asian startup ecosystem, build a mutually beneficial network, bring outside-in perspectives to its associates, pursue research on the latest fintech trends and technologies, and explore potential collaboration opportunities with startups.

Samsung Galaxy A55

Mid-range phone with premium feel

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

SAMSUNG'S Galaxy A series phones are known for providing a premium experience at a lower cost. In March 2024, the company launched the Galaxy A55, its mid-range phone targeting customers who prefer not to invest in the Galaxy S24, Samsung's premium offering. The phone, priced at ₹36,999 onwards, does not look any less premium. After using the Galaxy A55 for around 15 days, we found that it offers great value for money. Whether its camera performance, battery backup, or glitch-free usage, it can impress anyone.

Design and Display

The Galaxy A55 is the successor to the A54, and it looks quite similar to its predecessor in terms of design. However, there have been some major changes, such as the use of Gorilla Glass Victus+ for the front panel and an aluminum frame that gives a more premium and sturdy feel vis-à-vis the plastic frame of the previous model. The device features a 6.6-inch OLED display with a resolution of 1080x2340 pixels and a smooth 120Hz refresh rate. It supports HDR10+ and is Widevine L1 certified, providing an outstanding viewing experience while watching content on OTTs. Additionally, during our usage, we didn't encounter any problems using the device in any lighting condition, be it sunlight.

Specifications

The Samsung Galaxy A55 ships with the latest Android 14 operating system out of the box, complemented by Samsung's proprietary One UI 6.1 skin and runs on the new Exynos 1480 chipset. The A55 comes in two RAM and ROM configurations: 8GB/128GB and 12GB/256GB. In simple terms, the device can handle any task without any glitches or lags.

Camera and Battery

The Galaxy A55 features a 50MP main camera with optical image stabilisation (OIS), a 12MP ultra-wide camera, and a 5MP dedicated macro camera. The selfie shooter remains a 32MP sensor. We have no complaints in this segment as the pictures came out full of details, clear colors, and satisfactory low-light performance. The device retains the same 5,000mAh battery capacity as its predecessor. A full charge takes approximately 1 hour and 10 minutes, while a 30-minute charge will provide 50-55% battery life. However, it's worth noting that there is no adapter included with the phone, which may cost a little extra and make users hesitant when opting for the new A55.

OUR TAKE

The **Samsung Galaxy A55** excels in most segments, including performance, design and display, and camera. And the best part is its price range

Will the world's first AI engineer assist or replace developers?

KARTHIK SRIDHARAN

EARLIER in March, Cognition Labs launched the world's first autonomous AI software engineer, Devin. It can plan, code, debug, and deploy applications without human intervention. This marks a significant step forward in AI's role within the software domain.

Naturally, this launch has sparked a hotly debated topic on whether this is really a breakthrough or a sign of upcoming job destruction for developers.

We heard similar fear-evoking rumours about massive job displacements across sectors when ChatGPT was first launched in November 2022. So, are we looking at recycled anxiety or does Devin pose a new, unique threat?

Here's my take on what Devin really means for developers, and it's a little different from what most are saying.

Enabler, not a replacement

Any new technology typically follows a standard adoption trajectory: excitement from early adopters, but a serious hurdle in achieving mass adoption. This journey doesn't just depend on the breakthrough nature of the underlying technology itself—it also involves immense effort in distribution and crossing the chasm to widespread use.

So, while we've seen significant progress in AI capabilities over the past couple of years, it isn't a surprise that no new AI tool has yet established itself as a standard in the software engineering industry. Moreover, developers aren't an-easy-to-please audience, and Devin would essentially be asking the user base it aims to serve to adopt a tool that might replace them. So, Devin's path of mass adoption is not going to be a straightforward one.

Until then, while such tools will be gradually used as an enabler by many, it's unlikely to replace developers. The pitch of tools like Devin is that each company will need fewer engineers than before.

However, the accessibility and impact of technology has meant that every company is transforming into a tech company. Even traditional companies that were absolute outsiders of the tech world have grown really serious about adopting technology to avoid being left behind in this digital age.

Far from decreasing, the overall demand pie for software developers has already increased and will continue to do so.

Tools that threaten to replace developers have not really been able to do so.

The software development landscape will definitely undergo a significant transformation with Devin's arrival. While some may fear obsolescence, the reality is likely a story of adaptation and collaboration.

But this is the most uncertain that the industry has been for a while. So, you have to be prepared for your opinions to be proven wrong.

TECHNOLOGY BUZZ

WhatsApp's new chat filters to improve user experience

WhatsApp has launched a new feature called 'chat filters' to better organise the messages that a user sees on the platform. Chat filters offer three options—All, Unread, and Groups—located on top of the chat list. The "All" filter displays all messages, providing an overview. "Unread" prioritises unread or unopened messages for quick response, while "Groups" organises group chats in one place, including chats from subgroups. "The filters are located at the top of your chats and can be applied by tapping or clicking on them. Alternatively, swipe left or right to switch between filter views," WhatsApp said. The company said the aim is to improve message organisation and the ease of navigation, allowing users to focus on essential conversations without scrolling extensively. The rollout begins today, and all users will get the filter in the coming weeks. Filter names are pre-set and can't be changed. Also, chats can't be recategorised or organised within these filters. The company is testing other new features to enhance user experience.

Samsung unveils next gen TVs powered by artificial intelligence

Samsung, India's top consumer electronics brand, has launched a new range of AI televisions. At the 'Unbox & Discover' event in JB Park, Bengaluru, Samsung's Southwest Asia President and CEO, highlighted AI's transformative role in home entertainment. Mohandeep Singh, Senior Vice President of Samsung India's visual display business, underscored consumers' growing preference for premium TVs. Samsung's Neo QLED 8K features NQ8 AI Gen3 processor that offers exceptional picture quality with AI Picture Technology, AI Upscaling Pro, and AI Motion Enhancer Pro. The Neo QLED 4K, powered by the NQ4 AI Gen2 Processor, puts out stunning visuals with Real Depth Enhancer Pro and Quantum Matrix Technology. Samsung also introduced the world's first glare-free OLED TV, driven by the NQ4 AI Gen2 Processor, that can provide superior picture quality under any lighting condition. Prices for Samsung's Neo QLED 8K range start at ₹3,19,990, Neo QLED 4K range from ₹1,39,990, and OLED range from ₹1,64,990.

Zendesk's new AI agents can automate customer service

Danish-American company Zendesk is set to launch an artificial intelligence agent that can autonomously interact with customers and provide end-to-end resolutions for their inquiries—both simple and complex. The company will also introduce Agent Copilot, a proactive guide that continuously learns from past experiences to help human agents streamline workflows, anticipate customer needs, and improve future interactions. "We have a complex product that requires continuous agent training and Zendesk QA is essential for us to identify and fill knowledge gaps in the team," said María de la Plaza, who is head of community operations at SoundCloud. "By analysing all our conversations, we can accurately determine what information to add in our macros and update outdated content in our help centre to offer better support to our community. This has improved agent performance and increased our CSAT score — all contributing to a transformed customer service organisation.

Happiest Minds Technologies launches 'hAPPI' chatbot

Happiest Minds Technologies Limited has announced its new GenAI chatbot—'hAPPI', developed by its Generative AI Business Services (GBS) unit. The company said the generative AI-powered chatbot represents a significant advancement in providing users in the healthcare domain with personalised and informative interactions. A trailblazer in generative AI, Happiest Minds has invested in setting up a dedicated Generative AI business unit, enabling it to offer a comprehensive suite of services across various domains—ed-tech, banking, financial services and insurance, and healthcare. Joseph Anantharaju, executive vice chairman of Happiest Minds, said, "We firmly believe in the transformative potential of Gen AI for our customers and Happiest Minds' future. This (chatbot) significantly improves user interaction and helps customers to easily chat about health and wellness concerns and get personalised responses curated from over 4,000 articles based on insights shared by thousands of doctors and other experts."